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1. The present Report for 1874 is prepared on the same plan as that of last year, but differs from it in this respect, that Assam is for the first time excluded. Sylhet and Cachar, however, the former of which was not annexed to the Chief Commissionership until the 12th September 1874, and which still retain their old organisation for judicial purposes, for the present keep their place in the Report and Statements. Preliminary.

2. In comparisons, therefore, with former years, the necessary deduction on account of Assam Proper must be kept in view. It was intimated in the outset of last year's Report that the expediency of once more separating the business of the Extra-Regulation Territories would be again considered. The difficulties of doing this, however, are increasing, as the tendency of recent administrative changes is to mingle the Regulation and Non-Regulation systems together rather than to keep them apart.

3. Thus Sylhet is now under a Commissioner for executive, but under a Judge and Moonsiffs for judicial purposes. Chittagong is just being put under a Commissioner as Judge; the Cooch Behar Division is receiving an additional Judge as Assistant to the Commissioner, and part of the criminal business of the Sonthal Pergunnahs (not subject to the High Court) is entrusted to the Sessions Judges of Bhaugulpore and Beerbhoom.

4. Statement A (below) shows that in 1874, as compared with 1873, there has been a falling off in the amount of litigation in these provinces, the number of suits instituted being in round numbers 12,000 less in the later than in the earlier year. Original institutes posed of, pending 1874.

5. This decrease, though almost equally divided between the Regular and Small Cause Courts, represents a diminution of one-ninetieth as to the former, but of one-seventh as to the latter. See State Institut

6. The business of the Small Cause Courts will be noticed in detail and the decrease explained hereafter.

7. As regards the Civil Courts in general, it is thought that the scarcity that prevailed last year was largely instrumental in checking the institution of suits. In the course of 1874, indications were perceived of a certain pause in the growth of business and the completed returns prove that those indications were correct. It is probable that litigation had, in 1873, reached a climax, and that, unless the conditions are changed, it may not so grow further, at least with the rapidity which has for some years been observed. It will be noted

ncrease anywhere. The most important is ease of 1748 suits, due, it may be, in part to development of litigation in this district, which a few years ago in this respect abnormally backward; but there is at the same time a responding diminution of 666 suits (more than one-third of this increment) the business of the Small Cause Court, which probably indicates a transfer that extent from the latter Court to that of the Moonsiff with Small Cause Court powers.

8. The uniformity with which the decrease falls over the districts generally is noticeable.

9. The number of suits disposed of has fallen off by about 9,000 as compared with 1873, while there is an increase of 2,700 in the number of cases pending at the end of the year. This result has at first sight an unfavourable appearance. In fact, however, there enters into the aggregate of each year work done by Extra Moonsiffs appointed on the Court's recommendation, to meet the increasing pressure of business.

In 1873, thirty Moonsiffs	...	Suits	13,969
In 1874, nine Moonsiffs	...	Suits	1,203
	Difference	...	12,766

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10. It will thus be seen that the Courts in fact did more during 1874 than in 1873, and a comparison of the totals of Statement B with those of last year will show that in one important respect this work was also more satisfactory. For it will be found that while at the end of 1873 there were pending more than one year suits 308 and appeals 242, there were at the end of 1874, 235 and 194 respectively,—a large proportion of these consisting of remands. It will again be noted that, like last year, these cases are by no means equally distributed over all the districts, but that about two-thirds of the total in each class come from five districts. As regards suits, Rungpore on this occasion stands far pre-eminent, and as for some years it has been distinguished in this respect, the reasons are worth noting. One is that, as the Government of India is already aware, the district has been peculiarly unfortunate in its Judge, and that the effects of inefficient supervision and bad example do not immediately pass away. But it is also true that the work at most of the Moonsiffees in Rungpore is very heavy, and that its climate is a serious obstacle to effective or continuous work. These officers are constantly either prostrated by sickness, or driven to seek change of air.

11. As regards the numbers of long pending appeals, it must be said that in Nuddea and Sarun they are out of proportion to the whole amount of appellate work in those districts, as a reference to Statement J will show. The results on the whole are, however, as already indicated, satisfactory, especially if it be considered what the figures were a few years ago;—

1862	1863	1864
2,858	2,107	1,260

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12. These Statements show in certain detail the growth of litigation in the Civil Courts during the last five years. The comparison between 1874 and 1870 is not so remarkable as it was last year between 1873 and 1869, because in the last mentioned year, rent suits were still tried in the Revenue Courts. But it is still sufficiently striking. The broad features are that the number of suits has risen in round numbers from 1,75,000 to 2,50,000 and the value from three to four crores of rupees. Even since last year the value has risen about twenty lakhs, or, correcting for Assam, about twenty-six lakhs. But as regards value, it must be said that the figures cannot be fully depended on, especially those of 1870, which are believed to be in excess of the real values. Examination of the district figures does not, therefore, seem profitable. The only points very worthy of note are that, as compared with 1873, Tipperah has risen from fourteen lakhs to fifty-seven, and Gya from eleven to forty. Of the latter rise, it may be added twenty-three lakhs represent two cases only.

13. See, however, the observations in last year'ls Report.

14. The only u seful comparison is between the itigation at different times in the Courts of Moonsiffs, where exceptionally large suits cannot occur.

15. The following table gives for the last four years the figures, number, and value of suits under Rs. 1,000.

		1871	1872	1873	1874
Number	...	2,62,422	2,85,035	3,14,090	2,94,325
Value	Rs.	1,47,68,080	1,66,76,157	1,80,25,628	2,17,77,330

16. It thus appears that while the number of these suits has risen since 1871, 12 per cent., the value has increased 47 per cent.

17. In examining the proportion between the total numbers of 1870 and of 1874, it will be seen that there is decrease in but two or three cases. In Beerbhoom, West Burdwan and Hooghly, the decrease is to be ascribed to contraction of area. *E converso*, in East Burdwan, Midnapore and Dacca increase is due to enlargement of these districts as well as to the ordinary progress of litigation.

18. The following table shews the districts with more than 10,000 suits. In considering these figures it is to be borne in mind that in order to appreciate the weight of a District Judge's administrative charge, suits in Small Cause Courts proper must be excluded, as they come in no way under his observation or control.

In all Courts, i. e., including Small Cause Courts.

1.	Jessore	25,853
2.	Dacca (with Furridpore)	24,592
3.	Tipperah (with Noakhally)	21,208
4.	24-Pergunnahs ...	21,095
5.	Mymensingh ...	16,052
6.	East Burdwan ...	14,010
7.	Chittagong ...	13,825
8.	Midnapore ...	13,814
9.	Nuddea	13,346
10.	Backergunge ...	12,374
11.	Rungpore	11,976
12.	Sylhet	10,634

In the Regular Civil Courts, i. e., excluding Small Cause Courts.

1.	Tipperah (with Noakhally)	21,208
2.	Dacca (with Furridpore)	20,249
3.	24-Pergunnahs ..	17,189
4.	Mymensigh ...	16,052
5.	Jessore	15,933
6.	East Burdwan ...	14,010
7.	Chittagong ...	13,825
8.	Midnapore	12,891
9.	Rungpore (with Bogra)	11,976
10.	Backergunge	11,323
11.	Sylhet	10,634

19. It will be remarked that the addition of Small Cause Court suits benefits Nuddea alone, and that in its case the total is more than doubled.

20. Jessore again occupies the first place when all classes of Courts are taken into consideration, and it is notable that the next four districts again follow in the same position as last year—Dacca, Tipperah, 24-Pergunnahs and Mymensingh. The other districts follow in a slightly different order from last year. What is most apparent is that the number of districts with over 10,000 suits falls from 16 to 12, by the defection of Bhaugulpore (9,749), Hooghly (9,013), Dinagepore (9,515) and Moorshedabad (8,916). The lightest Regular District, *i. e.*, excluding the Non-Regulation Deputy Commissionerships of Cachar and Cooch Behar, is again Gya with 2,083 suits; but as will be seen below, it is actually the heaviest in sessions trials.

21. The total numbers of suits in the three divisions will be found to be as follow, and for comparison the figures of of 1873 are reproduced.

		1874.	1873.
Small Cause Court class	... ..	146,236	161,148
Rent	...	101,027	102,673
Other		44,835	48,625
		292,098	312,446

22. This comparison reveals the fact, that in the decrease of litigation noted this year, rent suits shew by a good deal the greatest stability.

23. Cases of the Small Cause Court class occur in greatest number in the following ten districts:— Small Cause Court class cases.

1.	Dacca ...	... 15,324	6.	Tipperah ...	... 7,925
2.	Jessore ...	... 11,749	7.	Rungpore ...	... 7,787
3.	24-Pergunnahs	... 10,588	8.	Dinagepore	... 7,247
4.	Mymensingh	... 10,097	9.	Sylhet ...	... 6,840
5.	Nuddea ...	... 8,339	10.	Midnapore...	... 6,622

24. Nine of these are the same as appeared in the same place last year, when Dacca and Jessore headed the list as now; nor is there much change in the

position of the other districts, Assam being on this occasion omitted, Midnapore comes in at the foot.

25. It may again be noted that in Dacca, Jessore, 24-Pergunnahs and Nuddea, there are Small Cause Court Judges doing no other duty, and now in all the other districts, except Rungpore and Dinagepore, there are officers with powers of Small Cause Court Judge up to 50.

Rent suits.

26. The heaviest rent suit districts are the following:—

1.	Jessore	12,062	6.	Chittagong ...	6,044
2.	Tipperah	10,233	7.	Midnapore	5,386
3.	24-Pergunnahs ...	8,634	8.	East Burdwan ...	5,343
4.	Backergunge ..	7,608	9.	Hooghly ...	4,041
5.	Dacca	7,058	10.	Nuddea	3,986

27. In last Report, seven districts only were mentioned. They are the first seven of the ten given, and they then occupied exactly the same position as they do now. There is slight increase in the cases of 24-Pergunnahs, Dacca and Midnapore.

Other suits.

28. "Other suits" are heaviest in the following Districts:—

1.	Chittagong	3,541	6.	Dacca	2,210
2.	Mymensingh ...	3,510	7.	Jessore	2,042
3.	Tipperah	3,050	8.	Hooghly ...	2,007
4.	East Burdwan ...	2,896	9.	24-Pergunnahs ...	1,973
5.	Sylhet	2,807	10.	Cuttack	1,890

29. The first four districts are the same as last year, though not in the same order, and there are some changes in the rest. But Chittagong is again first in what is, as was said last year, the most difficult class of cases, though here as also in Sylhet it is necessary to remark that the money value of these suits is in general exceedingly small. The same remark applies in a less degree to East Burdwan. It will also be seen in another part of this Report, that Chittagong is one of the five heaviest districts in contested cases, besides standing seventh in the whole as to number of suits instituted, and fourth (see Statement J) in the number of appeals.

Character of suits.

30. The Statement following shows the proportion per cent borne by the different kinds of suits to each other throughout the Lower Provinces during the year 1873 and 1874:—

	Totals, 1873.	Totals, 1874.	Percentage, 1873.	Percentage, 1874.
Suits for money, &c.	1,28,504	1,16,304	47.996	45·734
Rent suits	1,03,667	1,01,146	38·720	39·774
Suits for immovable property	24,998	28,506	9·335	11·209
Suits for specific performance of contract ...	2,146	1,206	·814	·479
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c. ...	3,241	3,296	1·208	1·296
Suits to declare and establish personal rights ...	2,154	1,430	·804	·562
Suits for an account	978	692	·365	·272
Suits relating to religious endowments	43	67	·016	·026
Suits to set aside judgments, &c.	543	486	·200	·191
Suits for dissolution of marriage	85	79	·031	·031
Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights ...	702	551	·262	·216
Suits for partition	492	413	·183	·162
Suits relating to shipping	3	1	·001	000
Suits relating to religion and caste	179	129	·065	·048
TOTAL ...	2,67,735	2,54,306	100	100

31. Suits for money of the Small Cause Court class are again most numerous in Mymensingh, where they reach the figure 11,417. The districts that follow are, Dacca 10,981, Rungpore 8,200, Tipperah 8,107, Dinagepore 7,244, 24-Pergunnahs 6,581, Sylhet 6,840, East Burdwan 6,434.

32. Rent suits were in greatest number in Jessore 12,062, Tipperah 10,233, 24-Pergunnahs 8,614, Backergunge 7,608, Dacca 7,058, Chittagong 6,044.

33. Suits for immovable property, which, it will be observed, have reached an importantly higher ratio in 1874, were brought mostly in the districts on the extreme east—Chittagong, Sylhet and Tipperah—in each of which districts they exceeded 2,000; they were nearly as numerous in Dacca and Jessore.

34. Suits for specific performance of contracts were most common in Cuttack, where 187 were instituted; Shahabad comes next with 171; but these figures show a great falling off as compared with last year.

35. Suits to declare and establish such rights as pre-emption, foreclosure, &c., were most numerous in Tirhoot (546) which this year comes before Tipperah. Rajshahye is at the bottom again with three suits.

36. Suits regarding personal rights preponderated during 1874 in Jessore, where 258 were filed, and that district is followed by Chittagong (which was first last year), Hooghly, Tipperah and East Burdwan; they did not reach 100 in any of the other districts.

37. Suits for an account were most numerous in Mymensingh, where they numbered 106; there were none in Backergunge and Beerbhoom.

38. Suits relating to religious endowments reached the number 16 in Mymensingh. The high proportion shown last year was, as a note explained, the result of a mistake and has been now put right. There was only one such suit in each of the districts of West Burdwan, Chittagong, Dinagepore, Rungpore, Tipperah, and none at all in 11 districts, *viz.*, Backergunge, Bhaugulpore, Gya, Moorshedabad, Patna, Purneah, Rajshahye, Sarun, Shahabad, Sylhet, Tirhoot.

39. Suits to set aside judgments or contracts on the ground of fraud were again, though with a lower figure, most numerous in Tirhoot, where 64 were instituted; there were none in Rungpore, Cachar and Cooch Behar.

40. Suits for dissolution of marriage were again most numerous in Tipperah, where they were 54 in number, and it remains true that the great majority of them, 68 out of 79, were brought in the eastern districts, Backergunge, Mymensingh, Sylhet and Tipperah; there were 3 in Purneah, 2 in Cachar, and only one in each of the 6 remaining districts in which there were any such suits at all.

41. Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights occurred most frequently in Sylhet, where there were 87. These were as before most numerous in districts where the population is chiefly Mahomedan, *viz.:*

In Tipperah ...	... 73	In Backergunge	... 60
„ Chittagong ...	... 64	„ Dacca ...	... 54

42. Suits for partition this year reached their greatest number in 24-Pergunnahs, where 69 were instituted; there were none in Bhaugulpore, West Burdwan, Dinagepore, Purneah, Rajshahye, Rungpore, Sylhet, and Cachar.

43. The only suit relating to slipping, (apparently a misnomer) was brought in Rungpore.

44. Suits relating to religion and caste again preponderated by far in Nuddea, where 48 were instituted. The next highest number was (15) in Jessore. There were none at all in 16 districts.

Suits how disposed of. *See Statement* E.

45. The whole number of suits disposed of has, as already said, fallen from 321,640 in 1873, to 293,961 in 1874; and the cause has been already explained as being chiefly the reduced staff of Moonsiffs. How the suits were disposed of is shown by Statement E., and a summary for 1874 and the three preceding years may be again given.

Years.		Withdrawn, compromised, &c.	Decided *exparte*.	Contested.	TOTAL.
1871	...	89,766	98,905	79,444	268,115
1872	...	100,026	104,585	86,842	291,453
1873	...	107,388	116,258	97,994	321,640
1874	...	102,708	102,512	88,741	293,961

46. These proportions do not seem to call for any special remark; except it be to note that the falling off in *exparte* cases is more than the average proportion, and that this may fairly be regarded as a satisfactory feature whether as showing the more real character of the suits, or the better service of process.

47. The districts where the number of contested cases exceeded 5,000 are the following:—

Jessore ...	... 8,033	24-Pergunnahs	... 6,191
Tipperah ...	... 7,132	Chittagong ...	... 5,264
Dacca ...	... 6,585		

48. These are the same five districts which were distinguished in the same way last year, but Tipperah has fallen to the second place with 1,700 fewer such suits, and the 24-Pergunnahs from third to fourth place with 1,000 fewer. The ratio of contested suits to the whole number is again highest in the Urdu-speaking districts (excepting Purneah), and Gya, as before, shews a proportion of half its suits contested, the average proportion in Behar being $\frac{3}{10}$.

49. A Statement is again appended showing the result for and against plaintiffs.

Comparative Statement showing the mode of disposal of Original Suits during the years 1872-73-74.

All Courts.			Mode of disposal.	Small Cause Courts.		
1872.	1873.	1874.		1872.	1873.	1874.
1,158	1,191	903	Plaints rejected, &c.	154	*.....	*.....
21,172	20,587	20,113	Default	5,720	5,216	3,879
5,406	6,176	5,612	Withdrawn	1,056	920	986
23,748	25,942	19,803	Dismissed *exparte*	1,363	1,434	982
30,104	31,799	28,332	Dismissed on trial	3,224	3,043	2,675
81,588	85,695	74,763	Plaintiff loses	11,517	10,643	8,522
29,471	30,393	29,054	Compromised	6,483	4,574	3,429
45,742	49,313	47,397	Confession	9,410	11,045	10,813
85,521	90,547	82,903	Decree *exparte*	11,071	9,753	8,607
59,397	66,354	60,574	Decree on trial	6,521	6,414	6,287
1,87,660	2,06,214	1,90,874	Plaintiff wins	27,002	27,212	25,707
29,471	30,393	29,054	Add compromised	6,483	4,574	3,429
2,17,131	2,36,607	2,19,928	... ...	33,485	31,786	29,136

* There is no heading to shew "Plaints rejected" in the Small Cause Court forms at present in use.

50. There is little to note in this return except that the disproportionate fall in the *exparte* figures account in most part for any variation in the results as compared with last year.

Applications to set aside an ex-parte judgment, or a judgment on default.
See Statement F.

51. Statement F shows the numbers of applications under Section 119 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and the figures shew an improvement as compared with those of last year's Report, as far as Moonsiffs' Courts are concerned. There were in them 433 such applications fewer than in 1873. In the Courts of the Subordinate Judges there was, however, a small increase, and in the Small Cause Courts an increase of about 200.

52. There is improvement also in the proportion which Moonsiffs had to admit, being but two-fifths this year against one-half last year; also in Small Cause Courts (where the proportion of applications allowed is largest) being $\frac{6}{11}$ against $\frac{4}{3}$ in 1873. In Subordinate Judges' Courts 28 per cent. only were admitted; in Judges' nearly 50 per cent., but the figures here are too small to render this a fact of any value.

53. There has been improvement also in the number left pending, and still further improvement in all these respects may be looked for, as the special inquiry into this matter which was promised in the last Report was not in time to produce its full effect during 1874.

Values

54. The values of the suits disposed of are conveniently noticed at this place. The following table shews the statistics of values in the Civil Courts during the last three years:—

		1872.	1873.	1874.
Not exceeding Rs.	5	31,763	34,458	29,600
"	20	84,337	93,870	85,518
"	100	1,29,755	1,40,773	1,31,825
"	500	35,260	40,118	35,935
"	1,000	3,920	4,859	4,064
"	5,000	2,676	3,228	3,026
"	10,000	436	423	421
"	1,00,000	258	267	285
Exceeding "	1,00,000	32	22	20
		2,89,637	3,18,018	2,90,694

55. There is little to remark upon as regards the variation in these figures. It will be observed that there is less than a proportionate decrease in the suits of the higher values; in fact, in the class just below the highest, *i. e.*, in suits of value ranging from Rs. 10,000 to a lakh, there is an increase of 18 suits, while the number in the next class is less by but two as compared with 1873. This feature no doubt goes to bear out the reality of one of the reasons assigned for the general decrease, as scarcity tells chiefly on the lowest value suits.

56. In this view, it is interesting to compare the figures for 1872 and 1874, of which the aggregates differ only by 1,057 in favor of 1874. It will be seen that in the latter year, the suits for values not exceeding Rs. 5 were 2,163 *fewer*, and all the higher values uniformly more numerous, except the two small classes between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 10,000 and over Rs. 1,00,000.

Decrees executed. *See Statement G.*

57. We now come to the execution of decrees. The figures for the last two years may be compared.

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realised.
1873	... 65,567	1,40,907	1,12,86,732 12 3½
1874	... 63,380*	1,26,201	1,21,66,380 7 0

58. The general decrease in the amount of the business of the Courts appears here too, but there is a considerable increase in the amount realized.

59. The districts in which most was realized are:—

Moorshedabad ...	... 12,55,638	24-Pergunnahs ...	... 10,79,573
Tirhoot ...	... 11,88,048	Bhaugulpore ...	... 9,37,482

the others following at some distance. The first of these has risen by about eight lakhs as compared with 1873, while Tirhoot has dropped about the same amount; and the other two districts have both risen slightly. These variations are, of course, to be expected.

60. The districts where most decrees were under execution are:—

Jessore ...	... 16,516	Mymensingh ...	13,401
Dacca ...	... 14,614	24-Pergunnahs ...	12,647
Tipperah ...	... 13,910	Chittagong ...	12,607

Decrees satisfied without execution. *See Statement H.*

61. Jessore again stands first, and the districts which follow are much the same as before.

62. Statement H compares favorably with that of last year, the number of decrees satisfied without execution having increased by a thousand in the Courts of the Moonsiffs and of the Small Cause Court Judges, and having slightly increased in the Courts of Subordinate Judges and Judges.

Attachment of the person.

63. Some of the more important particulars regarding execution given in Judicial Statement No. 10, may be here again noted.

1. The number of cases of execution by attachment of the person and imprisonment has fallen from 7,611 cases in 1873 to 4,237 in 1874. This is a feature which might be set down as especially satisfactory, taken together with the fact that other processes have also fallen off. The higher fees imposed during the year, under the Court Fees' Act, have probably a good deal to do with the decrease.

Attachment and sale.

2. There has been a considerable decrease both in attachments and sales as well as in appointments of managers, as the following figures will show:—

	Movables. Attached.	Movables. Sold.	Immovables. Attached.	Immovables. Sold.	Orders under Section 243 C. C. P.
1873	59,153	19,846	47,838	15,574	532
1874	49,677	16,927	44,910	14,173	340

64. It will be observed throughout the figures just given that the proportion of actual sales to attachments is pretty constant, being about one-third.

Original Miscellaneous cases. *See Statement I.*

65. Statement I calls for no other remark than that it also naturally enough exhibits the general tendency, its figures falling a good deal below those of 1873.

Appeals. *See Statement J.*

66. Appeals show a decrease of two thousand in institutions; but of only one thousand in disposals. The former is pretty equally distributed, though it will be remarked that this also appears to bear some relation to the scarcity, Patna, Tirhoot, Bhaugulpore and Rungpore being the most marked cases.

67. Rajshahye occupies a prominent position for the exactly opposite reason, there being here an absolute increase of 440 institutions, caused chiefly, by the rent disputes in Pubna.

68. As regards the number of disposals, the two last mentioned districts are also the most distinguished, Rungpore showing an excess over 1873 of 400, and Rajshahye an increase of so many as 712 disposed of as compared with 1873. These, as has been already said, and as Statement L shows, were chiefly in rent appeals.

69. The districts in which the largest number of appeals was instituted and the largest number disposed of are as follows :—

Instituted.		Disposed of	
Tipperah ...	1,809	Tipperah ...	2,029
Dacca ...	1,547	24-Pergunnahs	1,664
24-Pergunnahs	1,370	Dacca ...	1,612
Chittagong	1,340	Bhaugulpore	1,177
Jessore ...	1,081	Rajshahye	1,118
Mymensing	1,075	Mymensingh	1,097
Rajshahye ...	1,067	Jessore ...	1,092
Bhaugulpore	1,017		

70. The three first districts in each class are the same as last year; and so also is their position. Tirhoot has dropped out of the first set and Chittagong out of the second. The reason of the first absence has been already surmised to be connected with the scarcity. The shortness of disposals in the case of Chittagong as well as the large number left pending, was mainly due to the weakness in the staff of appellate officers. The 2nd Sub-Judge was, as a measure of relief to the executive authorities in Chota Nagpore, spared for service in Maunbhoom by arrangement till the vacation; but on the solicitation of the same authorities, the Lieutenant-Governor permitted his detention from his regular duties till the end of the year, and the other Sub-Judge was accidentally removed for a part of the same time. Rajshahye has appeared in its stead in the second list. Otherwise there is no marked change to note.

71. With reference to pending appeals little need be said. Tipperah is not disproportionately heavy. Backergunge is, and for a similar reason to that which produced the like effect at Chittagong. Nuddea shows both relatively and absolutely a much heavier pending file than it ought. Otherwise there is little to remark upon this Statement except that but for the untoward result at Chittagong and Backergunge, the files of pending appeals would have been lower for 1874 than for 1873.

Ratio of appeals to decisions.
See Statement K.

72. The lowest ratio of appeals to decisions is this year to be found among Regulation districts in Moorshedabad, the only lower ratio, that of Cooch Behar, which is again absolutely lowest, differing by a very small fraction. The highest is again Gya, though its ratio is somewhat lower than for 1873, the two extreme ratios being represented by (omitting fractions) 14 and ·47. The Behar districts as usual (excluding Purneah) show the highest average, being for six districts, 44·65 (last year 43·26) while Dinagepore 16·73, Jessore 18·79 and Midnapore 19·97, are all, like Moorshedabad, under 20 per cent. Cachar 16·19 is like Cooch Behar in the same position, and the only other Non-Regulation district, Chota Nagpore, is not much over the same line, showing 21·93, a fall as compared with last year of more than 10 per cent.

73. A comparison of the general average ratio of 1873 with that of 1874, again goes to show the uniformity which on the whole characterizes the results of judicial administration from year to year. The ratio of appeals to original decisions on this occasion differs from that on last, by an addition of less than three-tenths, being 26·40 against 26·11.

Appeals instituted, 1870 to 1874.
See Statement L.

74. Statement L shows the growth, or, in some cases, decline of appeals during the last five years. The results like those in C. and D., giving the same information for original suits, are a good deal less striking than they were last year, the reason being the same, *viz.*, that in 1869 between which and 1873 comparison was made, the transfer of rent suits and appeals to the Civil Courts had not taken place, while this took effect in (April) 1870, the year which now falls to be compared with 1874.

The ratio of increase is necessarily much reduced.

75. The reduction is very general, but there are nevertheless such increases as Gya from 30 to 58 per cent., Nuddea 43 to 68 per cent., and Rajshahye 54 to 140 per cent. The whole average increase of appeals has, however, fallen from 45·44 to 33·8 per cent., but if it be remembered that the Courts were in many places swamped by the additional work thrown on them in 1870, it says not a little for them to find them bearing up against pressure so steadily and well without any but the most temporary and inadequate assistance; for it must be borne in mind that, notwithstanding the immense increase during the last few years in judicial business, original and appellate, not a single rupee has been added to the charges of Government on account of Sub-Judges, District or Additional Judges, except that occasioned by the deputation of Mr. Beaufort on the Nizamut Commission.

76. No examination of the relative proportions of Civil and Revenue appeals will be entered into, as the division cannot be relied on.

77. The gross results of Statement M which shews how appeals were disposed of, are very similar to those of last year. They are as follow for every hundred cases :— **Appeals how disposed of.** *See Statement* M.

	1873.	1874.
Confirmed ...	62·17	62·28
Modified ...	8·04	8·11
Reversed	23·70	23 06
Remanded	6.09	6 55
	100	100

78. The figures shew how very closely the results of the two years coincide; such difference as exists is, however, favorable, shewing increase in the numbers of "confirmed" and "modified," and decrease in the number "reversed." In remands alone are the figures of 1874 worse than those of 1873, and inspection of the district figures under this head is, in the case of a good many districts, by no means satisfactory, indicating, as noted last year, defective trial in the Courts of first instance, or a certain overstretching of their authority by the Appellate Courts. Rungpore and Dacca give 9 per cent.; Moorshedabad, Cooch Behar and Sarun 10 per cent.; Gya and Purneah 12; Dinagepore 13, while Cachar and Tirhoot go so high as 15 per cent.

79. The districts where, on the other hand, remands were few, are Beerbhoom, Midnapore and Sylhet with one per cent., and Rajshahye and Backergunge with two per cent.

80. The number of remands go to the other extreme in the case of Midnapore, where they are the merest fraction over one in the hundred, instead of the average six. In the same district the number confirmed, 65 per cent., is also rather more than proportionately high, and this may be said also of Jessore, but the only notable instance of this is Sylhet, where the number rises to 74 per cent., the number of remands, moreover, sinking to 1·5 per cent. But the proportions throughout are on the whole very similar.

81. The Statement of Miscellaneous Appeals calls only for the repetition of the remark that, although there are some variations in the district figures as compared with 1873, the gross results are as near as may be the same. **Miscellaneous Appeals.** *See Statement* N.

82. Statement O shews the business of the Small Cause Courts and how it was disposed of in 1874. Statement O. O. compares the totals with those of 1873. The under-mentioned Courts having been abolished, now disappear from the Statements :— **Small Cause Courts.** *See Statements* O, *and* O. O.

Berhampore Cantonment.	Arrah
Naraingunge.	Mozufferpore.

and Goalundo appears for the last time.

83. For the correct understanding of these Statements, it is necessary to recollect what was stated last year as to the different classes of Judges.

1. Those who are entirely devoted to Small Cause Court work are the Judges of Magoorah, &c., Jessore, Sealdah, Kishnaghur, &c., Kooshtea, &c., Dacca and Moonsheegunge.

2. Judges who also help as Subordinate Judges are those of the Hooghly group, and of Bhaugulpore *cum* Monghyr.

3. The rest are Subordinate Judges whose Small Cause Court functions are secondary, excepting the Subordinate Judge of Furreedpore, whose duties as Small Cause Court Judge there and at Bhangah are more nearly equal to his other duties.

84. The amount of work in the heaviest Courts is given below with the 1873 figures for the sake of comparison:—

	1873.	1874.		1873.	1874.
Magoorah, &c. ...	6,112	5,684	Bhaugulpore and Monghyr ...	3,645	3,112
Jessore	4,940	4,236	Dacca and Moonsheegunge ...	2,498	2,410
Kooshtea, &c.	4,269	3,935	Hooghly, &c.	2,671	2,127
Kishnaghur, &c. ...	3,451	3,788	Furreedpore and Bhanga . .	2,957	1,955
Sealdah	3,558	3,681			

85. The first three Courts stand in the same position as they did last year, but, as the tendency of the last few years had led us to expect, with lessened figures. There has been a slight rally, however, in the case of the Kishnaghur Circle of Courts and of Sealdah, but this is not maintained by the Bhaugulpore, Dacca, or Furreedpore Courts, though it may be noted that the abolition of the Naraingunge Court has not materially affected the Dacca institutions, and that, on the other hand, the vesting of the Bhangah Moonsiff with Small Cause Court powers has naturally much reduced the work of the Judge there by the removal of that class of petty cases.

86. The decrease in cases in the Hooghly and Serampore Courts is remarkable and is not explained, and the Howrah Court has not continued to increase its business. It is possible, however, that the general scarcity felt or apprehended last year may have affected the business of all these Courts, and if so, they will recover. The figures for the first seven months of 1875 support this view.

87. The results as regards manner of disposal do not vary very materially from those noticed last year. What difference there is, is in favor of plaintiff, and the number of dismissals on *exparte* hearing, though still abnormally high in the Furreedpore and Bhangah Courts, is on this occasion a good deal reduced. The explanation was referred to last year. It is that the Judge considered himself bound to treat in this way cases where, though the plaintiff was absent, his pleader, without instructions, was present. In most Courts such cases are properly treated as of default, and it will be observed that in the Furreedpore Courts the number of dismissals on default is low comparatively, in proportion as the number of *exparte* judgments for defendant is high.

88. The number of cases at the end of the year pending more than six weeks is abnormally high on account of the large contribution of 85 from Monghyr. This arrear was due to the death of one Judge, and the delay that occurred in his successor joining; it is quite exceptional.

89. In last year's Report it was said "except when the business is really large and important, it may be a question whether the time of a Native Judge of the highest class, paid at the rate of Rs. 1,000 or even Rs. 800 a month, is advantageously spent on these petty and simple cases."

90. By the Court's advice, Government has vested Moonsiffs with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge up to Rs. 50, at most sudder stations and also at some important Moonsiffees in the interior, where there is no Small Cause Court. These places are filled by Moonsiffs in whom the Court has confidence, and the results so far are reported by several of the District Judges and appear to be generally satisfactory.

91. These Moonsiffs are required to send up returns of work so done every month, and these Statements come under the Court's careful scrutiny.

Work done by District Judges. *See Statement* P1.

92. The Statement P. 1 shews in some detail the amount of work done by the District Judges. The whole work of the two last years may be here shewn:—

	Days. Civil.	Days. Criminal.	Original Suits	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions Trials.	Criminal Appeals.
1873 ...	4307½	2478½	171	7706	8883	1863	1492	4144
1874 ...	4029½	2625½	242	9561	8149	1723	1649	3471

93. The results preserve a very equal balance, the increased number of days given to Criminal work being set against the decrease in those devoted to Civil work, the falling off in the number of Regular and Miscellaneous Appeals being

compensated by the addition to the numbers of Original Suits and Miscellaneous Regular cases; and finally, the reduction in the number of Criminal Appeals heard being more than made up for by the greater number of Sessions trials.

94. The Judges who decided most Regular Appeals are Sarun (595), Patna (541) and Rajshahye (500). In the first case it will, however, be noticed that the criminal work is light, and the Judge of Patna had some use of an Additional Judge. In Miscellaneous Appeals, Backergunge and Rajshahye are equal, first; followed by East Burdwan, Tipperah and Chittagong. Midnapore, 24-Pergunnahs, Patna and Hooghly had heavy files of Miscellaneous Regular cases; and in Original Suits most was done in Dacca, where the Judge tried 38; many of these, however, being of a rather insignificant character, which the Judge with questionable advantage called up to his own Court, the result being to give a Regular Appeal to the High Court. He is followed by Chota Nagpore 29, Beerbhoom 27, Shahabad 24, and Tirhoot 22.

95. The figures which record the amount of Criminal work done by the Judge may be here adverted to as throwing some light on the conditions under which the Civil work has to be done. They shew that Gya, which has been shewn above to have had by far the fewest institutions of Original Civil Suits among all the regulation districts, stands first in the number of its Sessions trials, having reached exactly one hundred. Rungpore follows with 94 and Chota Nagpore with 91, Rajshahye, Tipperah and Moorshedabad coming next with 86, 85, and 81 Sessions trials, respectively.

96. Criminal Appeals were by far most numerous in 24-Pergunnahs where they numbered 362, Patna with 296 and Dacca with 239 coming next and being of the others alone above two hundred.

97. The time allotted by certain District Judges to Civil and Criminal work, respectively, in the two years will be found to vary a good deal, and this from different causes. In the case of Backergunge, Dacca, Jessore, Patna, Tirhoot, 24-Pergunnahs, it depended on the presence of the Additional Judges attached (though not exclusively) to the several Courts.

98. In the case of Nuddea, Rajshahye and Shahabad and probably some others, it varied according to the greater or less pressure of Criminal work, *i. e.*, Sessions trials, to which Civil business gives way.

99. In Rungpore accidental causes operated, and as to Beerbhoom, the Judge was suddenly required in December 1872 to undertake the duty of taking Session trials from a large part of the Sonthal Pergunnahs, although he was doing the work of his district single-handed, his Subordinate Judge having been deputed elsewhere on account of the reduction of the District area.

Work done by Additional Judges. *See Statement* P2.

100. The amount of work done by Additional Judges in 1874 shews a slight improvement over 1873.

	Days. Civil.	Days. Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions Trials.	Criminal Appeals.
1873 ...	663	294	70	47	1506	0	197	2
1874 ...	683	221	51	179	1633	7	167	43

But except as to the 24-Pergunnahs, it is still far short of what could and ought to be effected by Officers of this rank.

Work done by Subordinate Judges. *See Statement* P3.

101. Statement P. 3 shews a considerable falling off in the amount of work done by Subordinate Judges. This may result from there being less pressure during last year than in 1873, and it is always noticeable that where more than one officer of this grade is employed, and especially if one is employed in appellate work alone, the result is not commensurate with the increased agency, and constant attention on the part of the District Judge (which he is not always able to give) is necessary to keep the machine in full activity.

Work done by Moonsiffs. *See Statement* P4.

102. The Moonsiffs' work is shown in detail in Statement P. 4. Very considerable diversity in the amount of work to be done and actually done is as usual observable. The whole amount of work is, as has been already noted, less than in 1873; owing to the less amount of work there was to do and the smaller staff of Extra Moonsiffs. These last numbered nine only and worked for about six weeks at the close of the year, the whole amount done being as already shewn a little over 1200 suits only as compared with the 11,000 of last year.

103. The districts in which they were employed may be given as shewing where the pressure was chiefly experienced. They were Backergunge, Rungpore, Midnapore (2), Dacca (2), Patna, East Burdwan and Cooch Behar, and

it will be noted with reference to what was said at the beginning of the Report; that in almost all of these districts the year closed with heavy pending totals shewing the need they had for help.

104. As said last year, the plan of appointing Extra Moonsiffs for a few months is an unsatisfactory one, whether as regards quantity or quality of work, and the Court has never lost sight of the desirability of having a smaller permanent addition made to the staff as a course much to be preferred to the present one of temporary additions. It has, however, held back thus far on account of the tendency to decrease, which litigation shews, as it would not wish to propose any expenditure which is not in its opinion absolutely necessary. It is hoped that before another Report is submitted, it may be possible to form a definite and accurate opinion on the subject.

But also it may be a question whether some better distribution of judicial work among the subordinate tribunals is not practicable, and, as a measure of improvement, preferable to mere additions to strength.

Average duration of cases. *See Statement* Q.

105. It will still be prudent to abstain from drawing inferences from the "average duration" Statement, as it is still, for the same reasons as given in a previous Report, in some cases evidently far from correct. The figures are, however, it is believed, a good deal more accurate than they were before, and it is hoped that it may be possible to say the same next year, though absolute accuracy can never be looked for in this Statement.

Cost of Establishments, with receipts on account of Stamp Fees. *See Statements* R, *and* W.

106. Of course also entire accuracy cannot be guaranteed as to the financial Statements R and S, or to the more elaborate form of R, which formerly given as an Appendix, now becomes Statement W, but if any important error exists in them, the means of detecting it and of putting it right, are in the Financial Department.

107. There appears however to be little ground for doubting the approximate accuracy of the financial Statements or of the deductions that may be made from them. These appear on the face of the Statement, but it will be noted that Hooghly, which last year, owing to a palpable mistake, showed a deficit of about a quarter of a lakh, on this occasion shows a surplus of about the same amount. Purneah and Shahabad show small deficits this year. The other districts in the same category remain as before, Beerbhoom, West Burdwan and Cuttack, in the two former of which the suits brought are of especially low values, and in all, but more especially in the last, the establishment at head quarters is, from unavoidable causes, more than usually expensive, while also the number of officers throughout the three districts that fall within the one Judgeship of Cuttack have, on account of distance, &c., to be more numerous than the number of suits would by itself warrant. Both Gya and Tipperah, it will be noted, bear evidence of the higher value their suits attained as compared with 1873.

108. The gross surplus is about half a lakh less than last year, the gross deficit about two and a half lakhs less, but this last feature is exactly accounted for by the absence of Assam.

109. At first sight it would seem remarkable that the surplus should keep up when there has been a marked decrease in the amount of litigation. But it will not be forgotten that, as shown in connection with Statement C, the value of the litigation showed an increase as compared with 1873 of twenty-six lakhs (allowing for Assam.) This alone would justify the fact noted, but it may be added that, in consequence of higher rates for processes of various kinds having along with revised establishments come into force during the year, the important item of Court Fees has not been so much affected as would naturally have been expected from the decreased litigation.

See Statement S.

110. The Statement S tries to show more accurately than Statement R the proportion of cost actually debitable to Civil Courts, by excluding the amount fairly debitable to Criminal Justice on account of the Judge's work as Sessions Judge.

111. The Statements together shew clearly enough that, whatever deductions may yet have to be made, *e. g.*, as for pensions, contingencies and such like, the Civil Courts of Lower Bengal not only pay their way, but produce year by year a very considerable surplus to the Government.

Statistics of the Civil Courts. *See Statement* T

112. Statement T, now again offered, combines within itself the most important statistics of the Civil Courts with special reference to the area and population of the different districts. The column showing the ratio of Civil Suits

to population is the most interesting portion of the new matter: it shows that the ratio varies from a fraction over one suit to every thousand souls in several of the Behar districts and in Orissa, to more than one to every hundred of the population in Jessore and Chittagong. These results are closely similar to those of last year (allowing for a clerical error which then affected all the figures), and the general average of the two years, which, when calculated to one place of decimals, appears exactly the same when worked out farther, and Assam is excluded from last year's results on account of its absence from those of the present year, gives only this difference that, whereas in 1873 there was a suit in the Civil Courts for every 214 persons, in 1874 there was one for every 211.

Personnel. Subordinate Judicial service. Deaths, retirements, &c.

113. During the year, the following were the chief changes in the Subordinate Judicial service:—

SUBORDINATE JUDGES.

Died	...	3	Mr. J. S. Bell. Syed Abdoollah. Eradut Ally.
Retired	...	5	Mr. Thompson. Wahidooddin. N. K. Banerjee R. L. Bose. Mr. S. DaCosta.

MOONSIFFS.

Died	...	2	Dubirooddeen Ahmed. T. C. Mookerjee.
Resigned	...	2	R. K. Sen. N. G. Bose.
Removed	...	1	Poresh C. Sircar.
Dismissed	...	1	S. C. Mookerjee.

Promotions to be Subordinate Judges.

114. The following Moonsiffs were promoted to be Subordinate Judges:—

Name.			Service. Years.	Service. Months.	District to which appointed..
Obhoy Churn Dey	...	...	14	0	Rungpore.
Jadub Chunder Dey, B.L.	...	...	13	10	Tipperah.
Norool Hossein	...	...	15	4	Shahabad.
Khadim Hossein	...	...	27	1	Chittagong.
Nund Kumar Bose	...	...	22	9	Rajshahye.
Ram Pershad	...	...	14	0	Patna.
Bolak Chand	...	...	14	0	Gya.
Promothonath Mookerjeee, L.L.		...	12	1	Backergunge.

115. The gentlemen nominated to be Moonsiffs were the following, all of whom were, as will be seen, of more than three years' standing as pleaders and, as does not appear, had officiated as Moonsiffs with approval for a term averaging more than a year.

Persons nominated to be Moonsiffs in 1874.

Names.	Degree or other qualification.	Date thereof.	District to which appointed.
Prosonno Coomar Sen	M. A. and B. L.	24th January 1870 ...	Jessore.
Sreenath Pal	B. L.	8th February 1869 ...	Dacca.
Biprodass Chatterjee	B. L.	24th January 1870 ...	Moorshedabad.
Romesh Chunder Lahory	B. L.	8th February 1869 ...	Furreedpore.
Chundra Coomar Roy	B. L.	24th January 1870 ...	Chittagong.
Mohabut Ally	Higher grade pleader.	14th August 1869 ...	Chittagong.
Denonath Doss	B. L.	24th January 1870 ...	Rungpore.
Chundy Churn Sein	Higher grade pleader.	5th July 1870 ...	Dacca.
Atool Beharee Ghose	B. L.	24th January 1870 ...	Rungpore.
Rajcoomar Moitro*	Higher grade pleader.	January 1871 ...	Rungpore.
Ashootosh Addy	B. L.	8th February 1869 ...	East Burdwan.
Nepal Chunder Bose	B. L.	24th January 1870 ...	Patna.
Gopeemohun Mookerjee	B. L.	Ditto ...	Dinagepore.
Dwarkanath Bhuttacharjee† ...	B. L.	28th January 1871 ...	Tirhoot.
Jogendronath Bose	M. A. and B. L.	8th February 1869 ...	Sylhet.

* This candidate was chosen on account of experience which he had acquired as a Civil Court Ameen, supported by strong certificates of efficiency and character.

† Younger than usual, but appointed to a vacancy in Behar where he had been brought up and where qualified candidates are few.

Civil Court Ameens. *See Statement U.*

116. The results of the working of the staff of Civil Court Ameens were here shown last year, and are again submitted in Statement U. They still show a deficit, but the last column and the notes that accompany the Statement will show what the Court has done to bring about a better financial result. The number of 2nd grade Ameens was reduced from 76 to 63, and the notes show the further reductions that have taken place or been ordered. The receipts, however, have fallen and still more rapidly, being little more than half what they were shewn to be in 1872 (see last year's Report.) It is expected that the pecuniary benefit by these reductions which, it may be explained, were in every case carefully considered, will appear in next year's Report.

Statistics of local inquiries. *See Statement V.*

117. Statement V, which gives the statistics of local enquiries, shows marked improvement in this respect, that the numbers of suits of the smaller denomination in which these inquiries have taken place, are greatly diminished, the average value of them being, however, little affected. The total number of inquiries is reduced by about 500. The result, it may be admitted, is still unsatisfactory, and even in some respects not quite intelligible. The truth is, that a vicious practice widely prevalent and of long standing takes much patient effort to eradicate, and the following observations made in last year's Report may be repeated here:—"The Code of Civil Procedure in these matters gives precisely the same judicial powers to the High Court and to the youngest or least discreet of the Moonsiffs. The Court will endeavour to deal further with the difficulty, but the true remedy will be found to consist in placing a limit on the discretion the law allows."

Business of the High Court, Appellate Side.

118. The Statement of business on the Appellate Side of the High Court has for some years been given as if it formed No. 12 of the series of Judicial Statements prescribed by the Government of India. This it is not in fact, and as the results have usually been, and properly should be, noticed at the end of this Report, the Statement is now also printed here.

119. It will be found that, with the exception of miscellaneous orders in Court, there has been an increase in the amount of business, under both the

heads of "filed" and "disposed of." The following table exhibits this result under the leading heads as compared with both 1873 and 1872:—

	Filed			Disposed of.		
	1872.	1873.	1874.	1872.	1873.	1874
I Regular Appeals ...	290	327	348	204	271	313
References to the Full Bench ...	3	1	1	3	...	2
Appeals to Court at large (Section 15 of Letters Patent) ..	...	1	1	1	...	1
Reviews	4	2	.	6	3	...
II.—Special Appeals ...	1,985	3,024	3,225	1,100	2,453	2,844
References to the Full Bench ..	3	7	7	...	8	7
Appeals to Court at large ...	1	19	83	1	15	78
Reviews	9	2	9	17	2	5
III. Miscellaneous Appeals— Regular ...	218	237	352	189	250	215
Special ..	129	168	183	154	121	168
References to the Full Bench ...	1	2	2	1	2	2
Appeals to Court at large ...	1	2	5	1	2	3
Reviews	8	2	1	8	2	1
VII.—Criminal Cases	1,277	1,229	1,368	1,218	1,211	1,444

120. The increase in the amount of work done is, no doubt, owing to the fact that more Judges were on the whole present during 1874 than during 1873, as the accompanying Table shews. The increase in the amount of business is the natural result of increased litigation in the Courts of the Mofussil.

Number of Judges of the High Court present on the 1st of each month of 1873 and 1874

	1873.				1874.			
	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Others.	Total.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges	Others.	Total.
January ...	5	4	1	10	5	6	...	11
February ...	5	4	1	10	5	6	...	11
March	5	5	1	11	5	6	...	11
April ...	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12
May ...	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12
June	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12
July	5	5	1	11	5		1	12
August ...	5	5	1	11	4	5	1	10
September ...	5	5	1	11	4	5	1	10
October ..	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12
November ...	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12
December ...	5	6	...	11	5	6	1	12

121. The state of business coupled with the available strength of the Court has again made it impossible to attempt any systematic inspection of the inferior Courts, and this very important duty has therefore been again postponed. **Inspection.**

122. Urgent necessity, however, arose for inquiring into the administration of justice in Rungpore, and one of the Judges accordingly went to that station for the purpose in May 1874. The result of his inquiry was that the District Judge, Mr. Levien, was removed from his office.

123. The Court is glad to be able to submit this Report about four months in advance of the time when that for 1873 was submitted. **Conclusion.**

Table shewing the dates of receipt of Annual Civil Returns for 1874.

District.	Date of receipt of return.	Latest corrections received on	Remarks.
Backergunge	25th February 1875 ...		
Beerbhoom	5th April ...	25th May 1875 ...	
Bhaugulpore	15th March ...	24th April ...	
Burdwan, East	13th April ...		
Burdwan, West	4th March ...		
Chittagong	30th April ...	25th May ...	
Cuttack	19th May ...	8th June ...	
Dacca	14th April ...		
Dinagepore	8th April ...		
Gya	31st March ...		
Hooghly	22nd May ...	2nd June ...	
Jessore	25th March ...	3rd May ...	
Midnapore	5th April ...		
Moorshedabad	12th March ...	1st May ...	
Mymensingh	7th April ...		
Nuddea	20th April ...	20th May ...	
Patna	20th April ...	11th May ...	
Purneah	1st March ...		
Rajshahye	24th February ...		
Rungpore	23rd April ...	14th May ...	
Sarun	15th April ...	20th May ...	
Shahabad	18th February ...	5th April ...	
Sylhet	5th March ...	31st March ...	
Tipperah	18th March ...	5th May ...	
Tirhoot	13th April ...		
24-Pergunnahs	18th March ...		
Assam	2nd March ...	14th June ...	
Chota Nagpore	13th May ...	4th June ...	
Cachar	24th February ...	13th April ...	
Cooch Behar	20th June ...	12th July ...	

124. The annexed table shews the dates of receipt of the district returns and also of the latest corrections. The local officers responsible for the delay are again chiefly those of the Non-Regulation Districts, Chota Nagpore and Cooch Behar. But among Regulation Districts, Cuttack and Hooghly are conspicuously behindhand. The Court has received from Mr. F. R. Cockerell, the Judge and Commissioner of Cooch Behar, the following demi-official explanation of the delay as to that district, which is here inserted with his concurrence.

"Nobody can be more vexed than I am that my returns to the High Court should have been so delayed as to cause general inconvenience, but I assure you that it has been simply inevitable, as I and my office establishment have been overwhelmed with work for the last six weeks. There must also ever be more delay about the returns from Non-Regulation Districts; there is

an inaccurate tone about those who have to compile them which results in numerous remands for corrections. Then the supervisors, *i. e.*, the Judges, have so many executive duties of various kinds, that they get into an unmethodical way of working which leaves them little time for doing this work of supervision thoroughly.

"Then, again, these judicial-executive officers are travelling about their districts till about the middle of March, and only begin getting their returns for the past year into shape at the time that your Judges of Regulation Districts have completed theirs. In this district, where the judicial work is comparatively very light, this is not of so much consequence, as the returns are soon prepared, but in Julpigooree it is different; there the work is decidedly heavy and the executive staff insufficient. I have great trouble consequently there in getting any returns within anything like respectable time, and so it must always be until the fact is recognized that there is practically as much work there as in a Regulation District and the working staff is raised to an efficient standard. I have sent my Criminal returns and will get off the Civil in a day or two."

125. The officers who have shewn the greatest promptitude are specified below—

Backergunge. Rajshahye. Shahabad. Cachar.	The annual reports and returns were received from these districts during February.
Bhaugulpore. Burdwan, West. Moorshedabad. Purneah. Sylhet. Assam.	They were received from these districts on or before the 15th March.

STATEMENTS.

A.

ORIGINAL CASES INSTITUTED, DISPOSED OF AND PENDING 1873 AND 1874.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	COURTS.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
			1873.	1874.	1873.	1874.	1873.	1874.
BURDWAN	BURDWAN, E. ...	Reg. ...	13,466	14,010	13,829	13,106	789	1,727
	BURDWAN, W. ...	Reg. ...	4,184	4,053	4,189	3,982	319	421
	BEERBHOOM ...	Reg. ...	3,702	3,362	4,260	3,427	373	393
	MIDNAPORE ...	Reg. ...	11,143	12,891	11,620	12,595	1,251	1,874
		S. C. ...	1,589	923	1,607	816	37	62
	HOOGHLY ...	Reg. ...	8,223	7,786	8,188	7,938	1,013	976
		S. C. ...	2,671	2,127	2,672	2,189	121	70
		TOTAL ...	44,978	45,152	46,365	44,053	3,903	5,523
PRESIDENCY.	24-PERGUNNAHS.	Reg. ...	16,720	17,189	18,155	17,919	2,318	2,123
		S. C. ...	3,832	3,906	3,804	4,054	298	197
	NUDDEA ...	Reg. ...	6,261	6,634	6,262	6,811	1,546	1,573
		S. C. ...	7,614	6,712	7,462	6,563	647	650
	JESSORE ...	Reg. ...	16,254	15,933	16,409	16,014	1,340	1,651
		S. C. ...	11,050	9,920	11,002	9,904	329	345
		TOTAL ...	61,731	60,294	63,094	61,265	6,478	6,539
RAJSHAHYE.	MOORSHEDABAD.	Reg. ...	9,106	8,298	9,599	8,616	958	862
		S. C. ...	1,035	618	1,113	706	93	5
	DINAGEPORE ...	Reg. ...	10,775	9,515	10,782	9,522	791	905
	RAJSHAHYE ...	Reg. ...	7,351	8,058	6,571	9,044	1,738	988
		S. C. ...	1,632	1,441	1,560	1,453	125	113
	RUNGPORE ...	Reg. ...	12,851	11,976	13,339	11,741	2,304	2,766
		TOTAL ...	42,750	39,906	42,964	41,082	6,009	5,639
COOCH BEHAR.	COOCH BEHAR	Reg. ...	1,395	1,617	1,437	1,643	440	414
		S. C. ...	727	932	718	972	75	35
		TOTAL ...	2,122	2,549	2,155	2,615	515	449
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	Reg. ...	18,084	20,249	18,720	20,070	2,256	3,157
		S. C. ...	5,639	4,343	5,864	4,521	404	297
	BACKERGUNGE	Reg. ...	12,149	11,323	12,746	11,559	1,514	1,249
		S. C. ...	1,185	1,051	1,201	1,070	58	39
	MYMENSINGH ...	Reg. ...	16,680	16,052	17,716	15,861	1,892	2,086
	SYLHET ...	Reg. ...	10,924	10,634	10,983	10,345	1,515	1,955
	CACHAR ...	Reg. ...	1,568	1,548	1,590	1,483	118	184
		TOTAL ...	66,229	65,200	68,820	64,909	7,757	8,967
CHITTAGONG.	CHITTAGONG ...	Reg. ...	14,714	13,825	14,616	14,102	1,557	1,695
	TIPPERAH ...	Reg. ...	23,454	21,208	24,781	21,625	2,993	3,013
		TOTAL REG. ...	38,168	35,033	39,397	35,727	4,550	4,708
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	Reg. ...	3,637	3,205	3,599	3,147	755	716
		S. C. ...	1,212	946	1,222	942	69	73
	GYA ...	Reg. ...	1,956	2,083	2,097	2,230	393	350
	SHAHABAD ...	Reg. ...	4,053	4,286	4,429	4,270	669	792
		S. C. ...	56	...	51	...	9	...
	TIRHOOT ...	Reg. ...	5,441	4,244	5,963	4,805	1,293	921
		S. C. ...	113	...	121	...	...	...
	SARUN ...	Reg. ...	4,340	3,662	4,566	3,791	373	421
		S. C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		TOTAL ...	20,808	18,426	22,048	19,185	3,561	3,273
BHAUGULPORE.	BHAUGULPORE	Reg. ...	7,536	6,367	8,476	6,536	691	671
		S. C. ...	3,634	3,112	3,652	3,022	148	238
	PURNEAH ...	Reg. ...	5,861	6,051	6,199	5,817	461	846
		TOTAL ...	17,031	15,530	18,327	15,375	1,300	1,755
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK ...	Reg. ...	4,578	4,111	4,419	4,237	680	600
		S. C. ...	1,478	1,293	1,492	1 277	41	57
		TOTAL ...	6,056	5,404	5,911	5,514	721	657
CHOTA NAGPORE.	CHOTA NAGPORE	Reg. ...	4,012	4,194	4,036	4,236	591	574
		TOTAL REG. ...	4,012	4,194	4,036	4,236	591	574
		GRAND TOTAL ...	303,885	2,91,688	313,117	293,961	35,385	38,084

B.

SUITS AND APPEALS PENDING MORE THAN ONE YEAR AT THE CLOSE OF 1874.

DIVISION	DISTRICT	Suits.	Appeals	Remarks
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan ...	2	2	
	Bancoorah ...	...		
	Beerbhoom ...	.	...	
	Midnapore ..	4	16	
	Hooghly	1	1	
PRESIDENCY .	24-Pergunnahs ..	11		
	Nuddea ..	28	32	
	Jessore ...	2	...	
RAJSHAHYE ..	Moorshedabad	...	...	
	Dinagepore ...	4	4	
	Rajshahye ...	6	6	
	Rungpore .	53	2	
COOCH BEHAR .	Cooch Behar ...	23		
DACCA ..	Dacca ...	6		
	Backergunge ..	...	8	
	Mymensing ...	10	27	
	Sylhet .			
	Cachar ...	...	...	
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong ...	3		
	Tipperah ...	34	13	
PATNA	Patna ...	1	7	
	Gya ..	1	2	
	Shahabad ..	5	7	
	Tirhoot	29	6	
	Sarun .	6	54	
BHAUGULPORE ..	Bhaugulpore ..	8	5	
	Purneah ..	3	2	
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	2	...	
CHOTA NAGPORE...	Chota Nagpore ...	...	...	
	Total ...	235	194	

C.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF SUITS INSTITUTED, 1870—74.

DISTRICT.	VALUE IN 1870	NUMBER IN 1870	NUMBER IN 1871	NUMBER IN 1872.	NUMBER IN 1873.	NUMBER IN 1874.	VALUE IN 1874.
	Rs.						Rs.
BACKERGUNGE	8,16,032	6,062	10,326	11,691	12,149	11,323	12,16,698
BEERBHOOM	6,44,240	5,082	5,676	4,599	3,702	3,362	3,76,368
BHAGULPORE	20,07,832	5,680	5,833	6,912	7,536	6,367	21,45,477
BURDWAN, EAST	8,52,971	7,673	9,573	10,636	13,466	14,010	12,18,810
BURDWAN, WEST	2,16,830	3,902	5,112	4,851	4,181	4,053	2,51,532
CHITTAGONG ...	18,92,865	12,752	11,309	14,455	14,714	13,825	7,42,958
CUTTACK .	6,04,372	4,001	3,325	3,801	4,578	4,111	7,22,066*
DACCA	12,81,211	8,974	12,107	14,947	18,084	20,249	18,79,108
DINAGEPORE	6,37,844	7,861	8,432	10,244	10,775	9,515	8,17,987
GYA ...	9,86,779	1,844	1,953	1,986	1,956	2,083	40,19,779
HOOGHLY . .	11,19,489	7,868	10,541	9,167	8,223	7,786	8,99,927
JESSORE . .	9,88,099	7,313	12,419	14,361	16,251	15,933	12,12,769
MIDNAPORE	10,69,211	5,020	7,382	9,126	11,143	12,891	12,26,323
MOORSHEDABAD .. .	21,20,423	4,940	6,171	7,422	9,106	8,298	10,02,843
MYMENSINGH . .	19,44,148	13,527	14,113	15,449	16,080	16,052	18,92,410
NUDDEA	6,69,849	3,181	5,067	5,579	6,261	6,634	5,78,860
PATNA ..	6,91,439	1,628	2,241	2,554	3,637	3,205	20,36,594
PURNEAH	7,64,347	1,366	5,157	5,090	5,861	6,051	12,08,294
RAJSHAHYE ...	6,37,666	4,109	5,295	5,996	7,351	8,058	8,50,464
RUNGPORE ..	7,31,615	8,115	9,511	11,872	12,851	11,976	10,40,229
SARUN	13,90,393	3,373	3,226	3,842	4,340	3,662	12,44,016
SHAHABAD ...	10,52,906	3,135	3,839	4,747	4,053	4,286	6,93,686
SYLHET ..	7,42,295	8,762	9,730	10,675	10,924	10,634	9,41,698
TIPPERAH .	10,33,634	14,696	19,894	21,728	23,454	21,208	57,27,004
TIRHOOT ..	24,58,939	3,686	3,818	4,723	5,441	4,244	27,38,094
24-PERGUNNAHS	16,38,684	8,750	15,412	15,108	16,720	17,189	20,34,965
CHOTA NAGPORE	7,21,687	5,690	3,927	3,959	4,012	4,194	*10,32,730
CACHAR ...	1,19,102	1,576	1,598	1,584	1,568	1,548	1,13,758
COOCH BEHAR ...	1,70,066	1,319	1,571	1,364	1,395	1,617	3,05,843
TOTAL OF REGY PROVINCES ..	2,90,29,573	166,603	210,763	231,864	253,443	247,095	3,87,18,866
TOTAL OF NON-REGY PROVINCES ...	10,10,855	8,585	7,096	6,907	6,975	7,359	14,52,331
GRAND TOTAL .	3,00,40,428	175,188	117,859	238,771	260,418	254,364	4,01,71,197

* This includes the value of rent suits instituted before the Revenue Courts, as Act X of 1859 is still in force.

D.

CLASSIFICATION OF SUITS INSTITUTED, 1870—74.

REGULAR CIVIL COURTS, *i. e.*, EXCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

		1870.		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		Ratio of Increase from 1870 to 1874.
Backergunge.	S. C. C. class	3,152		3,168		3,755		3,675		2,700		
	Rent suits ...	2,409		6,482		7,325		7,680		7,608		
	Other cases...	501		676		611		794		1,015		
			6,062		10,326		11,691		12,149		11,323	86·78
Beerbhoom.	S. C. C. class	2,741		2,833		2,148		1,676		1,421		
	Rent suits ...	1,162		1,920		1,624		1,066		1,072		
	Other cases...	1,179		923		827		960		869		
			5,082		5,676		4,599		3,702		3,362	–33·84
Bhaugulpore.	S. C. C. class	3,035		2,567		3,030		1,936		2,384		
	Rent suits ...	1,936		2,614		3,254		3,563		2,897		
	Other cases...	709		652		628		2,037		1,268		
			5,680		5,833		6,912		7,536		*6,549	15·29
Burdwan, East.	S. C. C. class	3,911		4,344		5,558		5,022		5,771		
	Rent suits ...	1,823		3,569		3,383		4,852		5,343		
	Other cases...	1,939		1,660		1,695		3,592		2,896		
			7,673		9,573		10,636		13,466		14,010	82·59
Burdwan, West.	S. C. C. class	2,109		1,834		1,804		1,332		1,020		
	Rent suits ...	831		1,888		1,859		1,639		1,706		
	Other cases...	962		1,390		1,188		1,213		1,327		
			3,902		5,112		4,851		4,184		4,053	3·87
Chittagong	S. C. C. class	6,054		5,757		5,324		4,556		4,240		
	Rent suits ...	3,495		5,189		5,287		5,951		6,044		
	Other cases .	3,203		3,363		3,844		4,207		3,541		
			12,752		14,309		14,455		14,714		13,825	8·41
Cuttack ...	S. C. C. class	2,552		2,441		2,879		2,611		2,221		
	Rent suits ...	580		...		...		...				
	Other cases...	869		884		925		1,967		1,890		
			4,001		3,325		3,804		4,578		4,111	2·75
Dacca ...	S. C. C. class	5,362		5,444		6,730		9,482		10,981		
	Rent suits ...	2,396		5,202		6,489		6,696		7,058		
	Other cases...	1,216		1,461		1,728		1,906		2,210		
			8,974		12,107		14,947		18,084		20,249	125·64
Dinagepore	S. C. C. class	6,632		6,196		8,021		7,207		7,247		
	Rent suits ...	570		1,586		1,449		2,077		1,655		
	Other cases...	662		650		574		1,491		613		
			7,864		8,432		10,244		10,775		9,515	20·99
Gya ...	S. C. C. class	1,169		1,043		937		659		722		
	Rent suits ...	360		439		540		465		578		
	Other cases...	315		471		509		832		783		
			1,844		1,953		1,986		1,956		2,083	12·96
Hooghly ...	S. C. C. class	3,861		3,907		3,454		2,998		1,839		
	Rent suits ...	2,394		4,998		4,891		3,152		4,041		
	Other cases...	1,613		1,636		1,121		2,073		2,007		
			7,868		10,541		9,467		8,223		†7,887	·24
Jessore ...	S. C. C. class	1,696		1,816		1,885		1,802		1,829		
	Rent suits ...	4,613		9,465		10,961		12,801		12,062		
	Other cases...	1,004		1,138		1,515		1,651		2,042		
			7,313		12,419		14,361		16,254		15,933	117·87
Midnapore	S. C. C. class	2,451		2,984		3,237		4,255		5,699		
	Rent suits ...	1,630		3,275		4,820		5,021		5,386		
	Other cases...	939		1,123		1,069		1,867		1,806		
			5,020		7,382		9,126		11,143		12,891	156·79
Moorshedabad.	S. C. C. class	3,305		3,887		4,269		4,814		4,179		
	Rent suits ...	1,198		1,859		2,573		3,608		3,340		
	Other cases...	437		425		580		684		779		
			4,940		6,171		7,422		9,106		8,298	67·97
Mymensingh.	S. C. C. class	10,779		10,228		11,564		11,336		10,097		
	Rent suits ...	1,114		2,353		2,201		2,244		2,445		
	Other cases...	1,634		1,532		1,684		3,100		3,510		
			13,527		14,113		15,449		16,680		16,052	18·74
Nuddea ...	S. C. C. class	376		347		506		621		1,627		
	Rent suits ...	1,986		3,683		4,157		4,670		3,986		
	Other cases...	819		1,037		916		970		1,021		
			3,181		5,067		5,579		6,261		6,634	108·55

* Including 182 cases admitted on review, and received on remand. † Including 101 cases admitted on review.

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CLASSIFICATION OF SUITS INSTITUTED, 1870—1874.

REGULAR CIVIL COURTS, *i. e.*, EXCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

		1870.		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		Ratio of Increase from 1870 to 1874.
Patna ...	S. C. C. class	640		918		827		408		357		
	Rent suits ...	629		968		1,284		2,035		1,482		
	Other cases .	359		355		453		1,194		1,366		
			1,628		2,241		2,554		3,637		3,205	96·86
Purneah ...	S. C. C. class	3,281		2,915		3,101		3,241		2,842		
	Rent suits ...	804		2,150		1,564		2,085		2,770		
	Other cases...	281		392		425		535		439		
			4,366		5,457		5,090		5,861		6,051	38·59
Rajshahye	S. C. C. class	3,115		3,320		3,490		3,403		3,072		
	Rent suits ...	746		1,411		1,888		2,588		3,811		
	Other cases...	548		564		618		1,360		1,175		
			4,409		5,295		5,996		7,351		8,058	82·76
Rungpore	S. C. C. class	6,191		6,207		7,940		7,990		7,787		
	Rent suits ...	1,494		2,778		3,160		3,517		3,305		
	Other cases...	430		526		772		1,344		884		
			8,115		9,511		11,872		12,851		11,976	47·58
Sarun ...	S. C. C. class	1,385		1,187		1,597		1,084		914		
	Rent suits ...	1,192		1,380		1,686		1,874		1,380		
	Other cases .	796		659		759		1,382		1,368		
			3,373		3,226		3,842		4,340		3,662	8·56
Shahabad	S. C. C. class	562		525		774		814		895		
	Rent suits ...	1,665		2,178		2,622		1,897		1,949		
	Other cases...	908		1,136		1,351		1,342		1,565		
			3,135		3,839		4,747		4,053		*4,409	40·63
Sylhet ...	S. C. C. class	6,854		7,128		7,860		7,855		6,840		
	Rent suits ...	338		785		978		1,016		987		
	Other cases...	1,570		1,817		1,837		2,053		2,807		
			8,762		9,730		10,675		10,924		10,634	21·37
Tipperah...	S. C. C. class	8,402		8,565		9,472		8,377		7,925		
	Rent suits ...	4,272		9,519		10,106		11,673		10,233		
	Other cases...	2,022		1,810		2,150		3,404		3,050		
			14,696		19,894		21,728		23,454		21,208	44·31
Tirhoot ...	S. C. C. class	1,224		1,225		1,223		1,596		1,851		
	Rent suits ...	1,436		1,456		2,029		2,097		1,222		
	Other cases...	1,026		1,137		1,471		1,748		1,171		
			3,686		3,818		4,723		5,441		4,244	15·14
24-Pergunnahs.	S. C. C. class	3,595		5,334		5,738		5,591		6,582		
	Rent suits ...	3,271		8,083		7,637		8,349		8,634		
	Other cases...	1,884		1,995		1,733		2,780		1,973		
			8,750		15,412		15,108		16,720		17,189	96·44
Chota Nagpore.	S. C. C. class	3,517		3,301		3,422		3,325		3,335		
	Rent suits ...	1,551		...		...		...		...		
	Other cases...	622		626		537		687		860		
			5,690		3,927		3,959		4,012		†4,196	−26·25
Cachar ...	S. C. C. class	1,304		1,296		1,227		1,205		1,122		
	Rent suits ...	...		...		83		57		33		
	Other cases...	272		302		274		306		395		
			1,576		1,598		1,584		1,568		‡1,550	−1·64
Cooch Behar.	S. C. C. class	1,182		1,359		1,167		1,030		1,412		
	Rent suits ...	...		...		...		...		...		
	Other cases...	137		212		197		365		205		
			1,319		1,571		1,364		1,395		1,617	22·59
Total ...	S. C. C. class	1,08,601		1,09,933		1,19,853		1,17,681		108,912		
	Rent suits ...	45,895		85,230		94,050		1,02,673		101,027		
	Other cases...	29,682		31,417		32,514		48,625		44,835		
			175,188		217,859		238,771		260,418		254,774	45·42
Total of Regulation Districts.	S. C. C. class	94,434		96,121		1,06,913		1,04,341		103,042		
	Rent suits ...	44,344		85,230		93,967		1,02,616		100,994		
	Other cases...	27,825		29,412		30,984		46,486		43,375		
			166,603		210,763		231,864		253,443		247,411	48·50
Total of Non-Regulation Districts.	S. C. C. class	6,003		5,956		5,816		5,560		5,870		
	Rent suits ...	1,551		...		83		57		33		
	Other cases...	1,031		1,140		1,008		1,358		1,460		
			8,585		7,096		6,907		6,975		7,363	−14·58

* Including 123 cases received on remand, &c. † Including two cases received on remand. ‡ Including two cases received by transfer.

E.

SUITS HOW DISPOSED OF.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided ex-parte.	Contested both parties present.	Total.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	5,139	4,490	3,477	13,106
	Burdwan, West ...	1,796	989	1,197	3,982
	Beerbhoom ...	1,258	834	1,335	3,427
	Midnapore ...	5,570	4,203	3,638	13,411
	Hooghly ...	3,909	3,041	3,177	10,127
PRESIDENCY ...	24 Pergunnahs ...	8,470	7,312	6,191	21,973
	Nuddea ..	6,287	2,888	4,199	13,374
	Jessore ...	9,304	8,581	8,033	25,918
RAJSHAYE ...	Moorshedabad ...	3,198	3,015	3,109	9,322
	Dinagepore ...	2,640	4,288	2,594	9,522
	Rajshahaye ...	4,446	2,663	3,388	10,497
	Rungpore ...	2,710	6,511	2,520	11,741
COOCH BEHAR	Cooch Behar ...	1,098	901	616	2,615
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	6,182	11,824	6,585	24,591
	Backergunge ...	3,224	6,044	3,361	12,629
	Mymensingh ...	3,381	8,177	4,303	15,861
	Sylhet ...	3,444	3,749	3,152	10,345
	Cachar ...	664	331	488	1,483
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	5,634	3,204	5,264	14,102
	Tipperah ...	7,279	7,214	7,132	21,625
PATNA ...	Patna ...	1,472	761	1,856	4,089
	Gya ...	723	493	1,014	2,230
	Shahabad ...	1,900	1,127	1,243	4,270
	Sarun ...	1,272	1,048	1,471	3,791
	Tirhoot ...	1,666	1,256	1,883	4,805
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	3,756	2,743	3,059	9,558
	Purneah ...	1,704	2,396	1,717	5,817
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ..	2,935	1,372	1,207	5,514
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore ...	1,647	1,057	1,532	4,236
	Total ...	102,708	102,512	88,741	293,961

F.

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 119, ACT VIII OF 1859, FOR AN ORDER TO SET ASIDE AN EX-PARTE JUDGMENT, OR A JUDGMENT ON DEFAULT.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFS.							SUB-JUDGES.							SMALL CAUSE COURTS.							JUDGES.						
	To set aside ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on Default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on Default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on Default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on Default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Backergunge ...	600	102	702	247	324	571	112	11	...	11	1	8	9	2	36	8	44	18	25	43	1	4	...	4	4	...	4	...
Beerbhoom ...	82	40	122	50	50	100	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	1	4	5	1
Bhaugulpore ...	89	43	132	35	78	113	19	9	1	10	2	5	7	3	43	41	84	35	39	74	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, East ...	316	73	389	111	203	314	75	14	...	14	3	10	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, West ...	71	11	82	25	41	66	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong ...	318	232	550	273	167	440	110	1	2	3	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack ...	24	48	72	35	21	56	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca ...	366	123	489	194	197	391	98	7	2	9	...	4	4	5	61	104	165	72	77	149	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore ...	106	27	133	58	54	112	21	1	1	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya ...	75	25	100	36	41	77	23	13	...	13	1	9	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly ...	164	53	217	95	104	199	18	7	17	24	11	10	21	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore ...	477	271	748	291	318	609	139	6	3	9	3	5	8	1	253	111	364	246	92	338	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore ...	223	128	351	105	127	232	119	1	1	2	2	...	2	...	13	8	21	8	11	19	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	142	69	211	114	78	192	19	5	...	5	2	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...
Mymensingh ...	270	79	349	159	145	304	45	15	3	18	1	14	15	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea ...	114	40	154	37	80	117	37	5	4	9	1	5	6	3	40	42	82	29	34	63	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna ...	56	31	87	25	59	84	15	17	...	17	1	10	11	6	7	18	25	16	9	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furneah ...	79	75	154	85	50	135	19	8	...	8	1	7	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye ...	218	100	318	150	126	276	42	12	3	15	5	7	12	3	20	8	28	13	15	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore ...	148	158	306	76	158	234	72	5	3	8	5	2	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun ...	101	65	166	69	73	142	1	8	...	8	4	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad ...	82	122	204	78	74	152	52	11	...	11	3	5	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ...	81	49	130	62	42	104	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah ...	300	231	531	166	209	375	156	12	...	12	2	6	8	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot ...	124	13	137	52	57	109	28	10	2	12	4	5	9	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	2	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	570	243	813	379	367	746	67	5	5	10	5	4	9	1	52	9	61	37	22	59	2	...	1	1	...	1	1	...
Chota Nagpore ...	19	39	58	26	17	43	15	9	14	23	12	8	20	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	2	...
Cachar ...	4	3	7	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cooch Behar ...	13	3	16	...	8	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6	5	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5,232	2,496	7,728	3,040	3,268	6,308	1,390	192	61	253	72	133	205	48	529	352	881	479	325	804	77	14	2	16	7	8	15	1

G.

DECREES EXECUTED.

DISTRICT.	1874.				
	Completely.	Partially.	Amount realized.		
			Rs.	A.	P.
Backergunge	4,200	8,581	5,91,314	14	1
Beerbhoom	1,021	3,434	2,44,650	7	7
Bhaugulpore	1,671	2,351	9,37,482	11	11
Burdwan, East	3,231	2,146	5,34,747	2	0
Burdwan, West	1,698	3,155	1,04,379	12	0
Chittagong	4,300	8,307	2,74,039	9	5
Cuttack	910	2,856	2,30,738	7	0
Dacca	4,216	10,398	4,59,907	10	4
Dinagepore	1,156	4,380	1,51,987	0	0
Gya	744	520	4,19,448	0	0
Hooghly	2,188	3,864	2,34,594	9	0
Jessore	4,975	11,541	4,66,995	0	0
Midnapore	2,678	6,271	2,74,109	2	9
Moorshedabad	2,097*a*	1,375	12,55,638	9	0
Mymensingh	3,523	9,878	5,70,117	11	1
Nuddea	1,608	3,987	2,23,272	6	3
Patna	1,183	2,207	4,72,723	6	3
Purneah	911	2,390	2,27,546	14	6
Rajshahye	1,044	3,667	3,14,352	10	1
Rungpore	1,551	1,183	1,45,273	11	11
Sarun	1,444	769	4,61,381	5	11
Shahabad	1,725	2,646	3,50,962	8	11
Sylhet	1,861	4,424	2,18,062	1	0
Tipperah	5,419	8,491	4,49,137	2	0
Tirhoot	1,821	4,312	11,88,048	0	0
24-Pergunnahs	4,707	7,940	10,79,573	0	0
Chota Nagpore	955	4,261	1,78,330	5	7
Cachar	279	364	23,961	4	5
Cooch Behar	264	503	83,605	0	0
Total ...	63,380	1,26,201	1,21,66,380	7	0

H.

DECREES SATISFIED WITHOUT EXECUTION.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFF.		SUB-JUDGE.		S. C. C. JUDGE.		JUDGE.	
	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
BACKERGUNGE ...	620	35,682 0 0	17	7,013 11 0	117	10,703 10 0	1	31 2 5
BEERBHOOM ...	277	8,875 15 3	6	1,203 9 9	...	...	13	10,487 15 10
BHAUGULPORE ...	167	10,038 7 0	25	57,141 10 11	97	5,921 15 5	...	...
BURDWAN, EAST ...	707	18,741 11 10	3	4,750 0 0	...	...	...	...
BURDWAN, WEST ...	70	1,410 5 0	...	...	...	...	...	...
CHITTAGONG ...	1217	35,366 12 6	3	1,427 0 0	...	...	1	1,500 0 0
CUTTACK ...	105	3,131 5 4	2	3,051 0 0	...	...	...	...
DACCA ...	390	11,295 12 10	18	26,339 13 7	186	11,234 9 1	3	25 2 0
DINAGEPORE ...	217	7,061 9 1	1	2,802 2 5	...	...	...	...
GYA ...	17	3,707 14 2	5	9,221 3 10	...	...	...	...
HOOGHLY ...	389	8,431 2 6	5	3,048 15 9	...	...	...	...
JESSORE ...	554	10,072 3 8	2	1,804 5 0	684	17,183 6 6	...	...
MIDNAPORE ..	595	32,458 12 3	1	1,274 13 6	61	457 5 0	...	...
MOORSHEDABAD ...	357	16,844 9 0	11	367 7 0	...	...	...	...
MYMENSINGH ...	463	31,676 5 4	6	1,576 13 7	...	...	...	...
NUDDEA ...	399	16,155 6 9	...	...	853	19,386 1 3	...	...
PATNA ...	42	5,219 7 9	6	2,135 9 6	90	4,845 5 4	...	...
PURNEAH ...	97	3,624 0 6	...	...	...	...	...	...
RAJSHAHYE ...	302	5,999 13 3	...	...	78	3,904 7 3	...	...
RUNGPORE ...	114	4,132 1 3	4	4,241 10 0	...	...	...	...
SARUN ...	240	22,736 11 5	15	32,174 4 10	...	...	...	...
SHAHABAD ...	192	23,714 1 6	6	976 10 6	...	...	...	...
SYLHET ...	216	7,084 4 2	8	692 4 1	75	1,194 5 7	1	667 3 7
TIPPERAH ...	883	29,710 9 7	...	...	...	...	...	...
TIRHOOT ...	188	18,583 0 0	10	10,703 0 0	...	...	2	619 0 0
24-PERGUNNAHS ...	555	18,538 13 4	16	1,14,276 15 6	374	15,125 5 1	...	...
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	93	3,290 10 8	1	300 0 0	...	...	...	...
CACHAR ...	6	336 15 3	...	...	...	...	...	...
COOCH BEHAR ...	3	934 3 0	2	1,874 4 9	23	1,312 8 1	...	...
TOTAL ...	9425	3,94,855 0 2	173	2,88,397 5 6	2638	91,268 14 7	21	13,330 7 10

I.

ORIGINAL MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1873.	1874.	1873.	1874.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan ...	3,224	2,531	338	431
	Bancoorah ...	1,901	1,353	345	325
	Beerbhoom ...	800	639	95	140
	Midnapore ...	3,009	3,866	833	1,174
	Hooghly ...	3,987	3,131	589	562
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	4,696	2,761	1,301	242
	Nuddea ...	2,011	2,185	307	625
	Jessore ...	6,757	3,753	938	903
RAJSHAHYE ...	Moorshedabad ..	1,160	986	180	106
	Dinagepore ...	840	671	205	135
	Rajshahye ...	1,952	1,422	449	155
	Rungpore ...	944	1,093	362	362
COOCH BEHAR...	Cooch Behar ...	174	200	73	30
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	2,897	2,124	366	459
	Backergunge ..	2,005	1,995	472	269
	Mymensingh ..	3,090	2,496	400	328
	Sylhet ...	1,166	1,155	129	203
	Cachar ...	200	184	36	33
CHITTAGONG ..	Chittagong ...	3,184	2,340	226	295
	Tipperah ...	4,525	4,947	1,296	1,293
PATNA ...	Patna ...	1,047	1,148	499	507
	Gya ...	888	895	118	118
	Shahabad ...	1,487	1,434	165	291
	Sarun ...	1,530	1,497	243	309
	Tirhoot ...	2,395	1,553	257	352
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	1,737	1,687	526	159
	Purneah ...	2,213	1,449	205	257
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	1,337	753	84	95
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore ...	568	753	166	183
	Total ...	61,724	51,001	11,203	10,341

J.

APPEALS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1873.	1874.	1873.	1874.	1873.	1874.
BURDWAN	Burdwan, East	620	763	562	560	141	362
	Burdwan, West	337	288	322	323	176	154
	Beerbhoom ...	339	339	331	239	60	166
	Midnapore ...	817	691	910	567	252	403
	Hooghly ...	660	746	828	784	200	195
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs	1,419	1,370	1,556	1,664	789	518
	Nuddea	556	711	545	557	490	657
	Jessore ...	936	1,081	1,157	1,092	438	479
RAJSHAHYE ...	Moorshedabad	577	416	679	601	226	64
	Dinagepore ...	509	434	505	364	125	211
	Rajshahye ...	627	1,067	406	1,118	563	517
	Rungpore ...	816	566	549	946	524	148
COOCH BEHAR ...	Cooch Behar	63	70	39	71	35	33
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	1,712	1,547	1,458	1,612	588	523
	Backergunge	894	797	825	530	445	739
	Mymensingh...	1,186	1,075	1,433	1,097	534	552
	Sylhet ...	650	667	660	660	142	167
	Cachar ...	99	79	100	89	29	18
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	1,296	1,340	1,316	810	198	788
	Tipperah	1,988	1,809	1,910	2,029	1,012	852
PATNA ...	Patna ...	962	665	676	849	608	430
	Gya ...	403	484	394	402	136	242
	Shahabad ...	604	553	657	519	45	105
	Sarun ...	722	687	737	737	512	530
	Tirhoot ..	1,027	827	836	810	485	536
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore...	1,351	1,017	1,331	1,177	377	249
	Purneah ...	436	354	454	402	58	20
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	299	338	284	275	115	187
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	452	336	427	551	209	57
	Total	23,053	21,057	22,588	21,435	9,572	9,902

K.

NUMBER OF APPELLATE JUDGES AND RATIO OF APPEALS TO DECISIONS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Appellate Judges.	Original Suits tried on merits.	Appeals preferred.	Ratio per cent. of Appeals to original decisions.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	2	3,477	763	21·94
	Burdwan, West ..	1	1,197	288	24·06
	Beerbhoom ...	1	1,335	339	25·39
	Midnapore ...	2	3,460	691	19·97
	Hooghly ...	4	2,498	746	29·86
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	3	5,083	1,370	26·95
	Nuddea ...	2	2,586	711	27·49
	Jessore ...	3	5,753	1,081	18·79
RAJSHAHYE ...	Moorshedabad ...	2	2,871	416	14·52
	Dinagepore ..	2	2,594	434	16·73
	Rajshahye .	2	2,974	1,007	33·86
	Rungpore ...	2	2,520	566	22·46
COOCH BEHAR...	Cooch Behar ...	3	483	70	14·49
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	3	5,693	1,547	27·17
	Backergunge ...	3	3,121	797	25·53
	Mymensingh ...	3	4,303	1,075	24·98
	Sylhet ...	2	3,152	667	21·16
	Cachar ...	1	488	79	16·19
CHITTAGONG...	Chittagong ..	3	5,264	1,340	25·45
	Tipperah ...	4	7,132	1,809	25·36
PATNA ...	Patna ...	3	1,552	665	42·84
	Gya ...	2	1,014	484	47·73
	Shahabad ...	2	1,243	553	44·49
	Sarun ...	2	1,471	687	46·70
	Tirhoot ...	3	1,883	827	43·92
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore ...	3	2,409	1,017	42·22
	Purneah ...	2	1,717	354	20·61
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	2	949	338	35·62
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore ...	5	1,532	336	21·93
	Total ..	72	79,754	21,057	26·40

L.

APPEALS INSTITUTED, 1870—1874.

		1870.		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		Ratio per cent. from 1870 to 1874.
Backergunge	Civ. ...	385		652		510		894		797		
	Rev. ...	63		13		1		...		...		
			448		665		511		894		797	77·90
Beerbhoom ...	Civ. ...	521		380		219		244		231		
	Rev. ..	33		258		96		95		108		
			554		638		315		339		339	— 38·98
Bhaugulpore	Civ. ...	476		402		389		573		1,017		
	Rev. ...	233		633		551		778				
			709		1,035		940		1,351		1,017	. 43·44
Burdwan, East.	Civ. ..	615		479		718		620		763		
	Rev. ...	151		297		...		...		...		
			766		776		718		620		763	— ·39
Burdwan, West.	Civ. ...	329		314		227		219		186		
	Rev. ...	58		118		130		118		102		
			387		432		357		337		288	— 25·58
Chittagong ...	Civ. ...	1,256		1,097		922		926		1,039		
	Rev. ...	285		433		258		370		301		
			1,541		1,530		1,180		1,296		1,340	— 13·04
Cuttack ...	Civ. ...	279		265		232		247		282		
	Rev. ...	80		75		88		52		56		
			359		340		320		299		338	— 5·84
Dacca ...	Civ. ...	787		1,159		1,146		1,712		1,547		
	Rev. ...	56		4		...		...		...		
			843		1,163		1,146		1,712		1,547	83·51
Dinagepore ...	Civ. ...	340		538		493		509		434		
	Rev. ...	23		18				...		...		
			363		556		493		509		434	19·55
Gya ...	Civ. ...	232		387		383		403		484		
	Rev. ...	73		3		...		...		...		
			305		390		383		403		484	58·68
Hooghly ...	Civ. ...	649		713		570		413		504		
	Rev. ...	193		516		327		247		242		
			842		1,259		897		660		746	— 12·86
Jessore ...	Civ. ...	268		321		386		418		404		
	Rev. ...	298		584		496		518		677		
			566		905		882		936		1,081	90·99
Midnapore ...	Civ. ...	427		442		499		486		431		
	Rev. ...	138		336		299		331		260		
			565		778		798		817		691	22·30
Moorshedabad.	Civ. ...	187		258		282		368		228		
	Rev. ...	48		165		123		209		188		
			235		423		405		577		416	77·02
Mymensingh	Civ. ...	590		901		1,212		1,186		1,075		
	Rev. ...	136		13		...		...		...		
			726		914		1,212		1,186		1,075	48·07
Nuddea ...	Civ. ...	296		672		554		556		711		
	Rev. ..	125		1		2		...		...		
			421		673		556		556		711	68·88
Patna ...	Civ. ...	246		508		645		962		665		
	Rev. ...	45		...		...		...		...		
			291		508		645		962		665	128·52
Purneah ...	Civ. ...	260		351		421		436		354		
	Rev. ...	57		4		2		...		...		
			317		355		423		436		354	11·67
Rajshahye ...	Civ. ...	287		315		302		324		309		
	Rev. ...	131		166		397		303		698		
			418		481		699		627		1,007	140·90
Rungpore ...	Civ. ...	296		588		431		816		566		
	Rev. ...	48		3		...		...		...		
			344		591		431		816		566	64·53

L—concluded.

APPEALS INSTITUTED, 1870—1874.

		1870.		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		Ratio per cent. from 1870 to 1874.
Sarun ...	Civ. ...	512		700		691		721		684		
	Rev. ...	41		3		1		1		3		
			553		703		692		722		687	24·23
Shahabad ...	Civ. ...	356		496		577		604		553		
	Rev. ...	141		...		...		...		...		
			497		496		577		604		553	11·27
Sylhet ...	Civ. ...	467		562		588		579		604		
	Rev. ...	21		50		71		71		63		
			488		612		659		650		667	36·66
Tipperah ...	Civ. ...	870		1,436		1,161		1,988		1,809		
	Rev. ...	162		14		9		...		...		
			1,032		1,450		1,170		1,988		1,809	75·29
Tirhoot ...	Civ. ...	356		328		386		468		461		
	Rev. ...	253		333		294		559		366		
			609		661		680		1,027		827	35·78
24-Pergunnahs.	Civ. ...	853		1,051		1,250		1,418		1,370		
	Rev. .	93		4		2		1		...		
			946		1,055		1,252		1,419		1,370	44·82
Chota Nagpore.	Civ. ...	387		584		392		366		289		
	Rev. ...	72		85		94		86		47		
			459		669		486		452		336	— 26·79
Cachar ...	Civ. ...	96		91		95		99		79		
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		...		...		
			96		91		95		99		79	— 7·29
Cooch Behar	Civ. ...	30		88		55		55		61		
	Rev. ...	28		23		27		8		9		
			58		111		82		63		70	20·69
Total ...	Civ. ...	12,653		16,108		15,736		18,610		17,937		
	Rev. ...	3,085		4,152		3,268		3,747		3,120		
			15,738		20,260		19,004		22,357		21,057	33·80
Total of Regn. Dists.	Civ. ...	12,140		15,345		15,194		18,090		17,608		
	Rev. ...	2,985		4,044		3,147		3,653		3,064		
			15,125		19,389		18,341		21,743		20,672	36·67
Total of Non Regn. Dists.	Civ. ...	513		763		542		520		329		
	Rev. ...	100		108		121		94		56		
			613		871		663		614		385	— 37·19

M.

APPEALS HOW DISPOSED OF.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	CONFIRMED.	MODIFIED.	REVERSED.	REMANDED	OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF.	TOTAL.
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST	373	35	102	27	23	560
	BURDWAN, WEST	181	29	96	14	3	323
	BEERBHOOM ...	136	22	72	5	4	239
	MIDNAPORE ...	370	29	159	6	3	567
	HOOGHLY ...	467	67	176	50	24	784
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS	1,000	108	379	50	127	1,664
	NUDDEA ...	339	59	129	26	1	557
	JESSORE ...	699	68	183	50	92	1,092
RAJSHAHYE ...	MOORSHEDABAD	338	11	135	57	30	601
	DINAGEPORE ...	191	40	81	48	4	364
	RAJSHAHYE ...	607	39	311	27	134	1,118
	RUNGPORE ...	517	59	249	82	39	946
COOCH BEHAR. ...	COOCH BEHAR..	45	4	12	7	3	71
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	1,010	125	295	134	48	1,612
	BACKERGUNGE	335	26	129	13	27	530
	MYMENSINGH...	630	65	309	46	47	1,097
	SYLHET ...	486	41	113	10	7	660
	CACHAR ...	40	6	29	14	...	89
CHITTAGONG .	CHITTAGONG ...	374	114	222	61	39	810
	TIPPERAH ...	1,168	229	454	146	72	2,029
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	547	128	127	30	17	849
	GYA ...	223	51	69	47	12	402
	SHAHABAD ...	366	32	65	15	41	519
	SARUN ...	463	7	146	65	56	737
	TIRHOOT ...	394	99	157	115	45	810
BHAUGULPORE ...	BHAUGULPORE..	686	64	284	91	52	1,177
	PURNEAH ...	235	31	82	47	7	402
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK ...	183	11	54	9	18	275
CHOTA NAGPORE .	CHOTA NAGPORE	334	27	137	47	6	551
	TOTAL ...	12,737	1,659	4,716	1,339	984	21,435

N.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1873.	1874.	1873.	1874.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan ...	73	121	55	21
	Bancoorah ...	35	24	4	5
	Beerbhoom	49	27	...	19
	Midnapore ..	62	8	..	11
	Hooghly ...	82	91	9	18
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	77	80	17	6
	Nuddea .	95	16	28	31
	Jessore ...	82	10	9	17
RAJSHAHYE ...	Moorshedabad ...	50	31	5	4
	Dinagepore .	41	45	12	12
	Rajshahye . .	93	131	96	72
	Rungpore ...	15	36	54	53
COOCH BEHAR...	Cooch Behar ...	2	6	1	1
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	103	133	34	44
	Backergunge	108	131	79	71
	Mymensingh ...	212	208	95	61
	Sylhet ...	52	62	41	21
	Cachar ...	3	5	...	
CHITTAGONG...	Chittagong ...	104	102	18	13
	Tipperah ...	170	120	77	101
PATNA ...	Patna ...	74	57	25	35
	Gya	72	87	32	35
	Shahabad ...	13	37	...	8
	Sarun ...	31	33	3	21
	Tirhoot ...	96	58	22	32
BHAUGULPORE.	Bhaugulpore ...	59	57	16	27
	Purnear ...	57	57	7	7
ORISSA . .	Cuttack .	31	7	2	13
CHOTANAGPORE	Chota Nagpore ...	51	52	26	2
	Total ...	1,995	1,925	770	767

O.

BUSINESS OF THE COURTS OF SMALL CAUSES.

Division.	Court.	Pending from 1873.	Instituted during 1874.	Total.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Dismissed on default.	Confession.	Exparte. Judgment for Plaintiff.	Exparte. Judgment for Defendant.	Contested. Judgment for Plaintiff.	Contested. Judgment for Defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending at close of 1874.	Of these pending over six weeks.
BURDWAN ...	Midnapore ...	37	1,096	1,133	323	266	45	47	155	57	128	50	1,071	62	...
	Hooghly ...	9	394	403	57	20	22	107	85	1	95	8	395	8	...
	Serampore...	25	647	672	85	29	60	210	87	...	116	52	639	33	...
	Howrah ...	87	1,086	1,173	114	58	76	293	201	3	279	120	1,144	29	...
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah ...	286	3,681	3,967	492	41	475	749	955	15	710	308	3,778	189	2
	Dum-Dum Cantonment ...	2	59	61	12	...	3	11	14	...	8	6	54	7	...
	Barrackpore Cantonment..	10	139	149	15	.	13	47	27	...	42	4	148	1	...
	Kishnaghur	114	1,299	1,413	120	9	78	523	252	34	201	60	1,277	136	14
	Ranaghat ...	76	1,258	1,334	101	8	137	455	241	42	171	49	1,204	130	6
	Meherpore..	129	1,231	1,360	147	13	30	690	172	9	175	28	1,261	96	1
	Kooshtea...	166	2,036	2,202	72	74	95	815	185	2	529	155	1,927	275	...
	Chooadangah	15	889	904	48	17	22	494	63	...	199	48	891	13	...
	Jessore ..	99	4,236	4,335	103	19	491	823	748	77	574	413	4,248	87	...
	Magoorah ...	44	1,359	1,403	101	40	137	315	445	...	254	83	1,375	28	...
	Jenidah ...	52	1,843	1,895	111	34	91	801	448	5	223	136	1,849	46	...
	Narail ...	134	2,482	2,616	99	72	261	481	912	12	404	183	2,432	184	...
RAJSHAHYE ...	Berhampore ...	93	618	711	52	16	68	189	142	1	196	42	706	5	...
	Beauleah ...	37	480	517	110	15	32	82	122	..	89	37	487	30	...
	Pubna ...	88	961	1,049	76	38	49	389	126	...	222	66	966	83	...
COOCH BEHAR	Darjeeling	73	932	1,005	146	3	74	249	364	2	105	27	970	35	1
	Kurseong	2	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...		...	1	1	1*
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	126	1,850	1,976	200	33	431	348	457	6	301	104	1,880	96	...
	Moonsheegunge ...	40	560	600	23	5	103	54	253	2	74	34	548	52	...
	Bhangah ...	167	1,304	1,471	51	21	31	147	476	401	130	132	1,389	82	4
	Furreedpore	65	651	716	25	14	29	99	251	144	56	31	649	67	...
	Goalundo ...	6	49	55	6	9	3	7	6	1	19	4	55	...	...†
	Burrisaul ...	58	1,051	1,109	115	4	247	107	350	7	166	74	1,070	39	...
PATNA ...	Patna ...	61	634	695	117	7	31	138	106	25	130	77	631	64	...
	Dinapore ...	3	191	194	11	5	52	39	33	...	17	31	188	6	...
	Dinapore Cantonment	5	121	126	9	...	22	27	16	...	24	25	123	3	...
BHAGULPORE ..	Monghyr ...	89	1,414	1,503	133	2	232	320	324	68	177	84	1,340	163	85
	Bhaugulpore	59	1,698	1,757	175	11	368	329	351	59	282	107	1,682	75	1
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	41	1,293	1,334	180	100	62	428	240	9	161	97	1,277	57	...
	Total ...	2,298	37,542	39,840	3,429	986	3,879	10,813	8,607	982	6,287	2,675	37,658	2,182	115

The Courts connected by a bracket are taken by the same Judge, as are also the four—Kooshtea, Chooadangah, Pubna, and Goalundo.

* Abolished from March 1874.

† Abolished from 31st March 1874.

O O.

BUSINESS OF THE COURTS OF SMALL CAUSES FOR 1873 AND 1874.

DIVISION	COURT	1873. SUITS				1874. SUITS			
		INSTITUTED.	DISPOSED.	PENDING.	MORE THAN 6 WEEKS	INSTITUTED	DISPOSED	PENDING.	MORE THAN 6 WEEKS.
BURDWAN. ..	MIDNAPORE ...	1,589	1,607	37	...	1,096	1,071	62	...
	HOOGHLY ...	521	536	9	...	394	395	8	...
	SERAMPORE ...	1,012	1,056	25	...	647	639	33	...
	HOWRAH ...	1,108	1,080	87	..	1,086	1,144	29	...
PRESIDENCY ...	SEALDAH ...	3,558	3,458	286	17	3,681	3,778	189	2
	DUM-DUM CANTONMENT ...	36	34	3	...	59	54	7	...
	BARRACKPORE CANTONMENT ...	239	229	10	...	139	148	1	.
	KISHNAGHUR ...	1,209	1,170	114		1,299	1,277	186	14
	RANAGHAT ...	950	929	76	1	1,258	1,204	130	6
	MEHERPORE ...	1,292	1,224	129	..	1,231	1,264	96	1
	KOOSHTEA ...	2,032	1,967	166	...	2,036	1,927	275	...
	CHOOADANGAH ...	1,137	1,135	15	...	889	891	13	...
	JESSORE ..	4,940	4,908	99	...	4,236	4,248	87	...
	MAGOORAH ...	1 414	1,468	44	1	1,559	1,375	28	...
	JENIDAH .	2,221	2,210	52	..	1,843	1,849	46	...
	NARAIL ...	2,417	2,424	134	...	2,482	2,432	181	...
RAJSHAHYE ...	MOORSHEDABAD ...	1,023	1,099	95	..	...	...	...	...
	BERHAMPORE	5	7	...	...	618	706	5	...
	BEAULEAH ...	750	738	37	...	480	487	30	...
	PUBNA ...	882	822	88	...	961	966	83	...
COOCH BEHAR	DARJEELING ...	704	697	73	2	932	970	35	1
	KURSEONG ...	21	19	2	2	...	1	1	1*
DACCA	DACCA	1,575	1,619	126	4	1,850	1,880	96	...
	NARAINGUNGE ...	687	715	...	...	..	...	...	.. †
	MOONSHEEGUNGE ...	236	116	40	5	560	548	52	
	BHANGAH ...	2,037	2,202	167	...	1,304	1,389	82	1
	FURREEDPORE ..	920	1,008	65	...	651	649	67	..
	GOALUNDO ...	218	213	6	...	49	55	.	...‡
	BURRISAUL ..	1,185	1,201	58	...	1,051	1,070	39	...
PATNA	PATNA .	665	665	61	...	634	651	64	..
	DINAPORE ...	319	330	3	...	191	188	6	...
	DINAPORE CANTONMENT ...	228	227	5	...	121	123	3	...
	ARRAH ...	56	51	...	...	...	...	...	§
	MOZUFFERPORE ...	113	121	...	...	...		...	§
BHAUGULPORE	MONGHYR ..	1,779	1,75[illegible]	89	...	1,414	1,340	163	85
	BHAUGULPORE ...	1,866	1,897	59	...	1,698	1,682	75	1
ORISSA	CUTTACK ...	1,478	1,192	41	...	1,293	1,277	57	.
	TOTAL ...	42,512	42,429	2,301	32	37,542	37,658	2,182	115

* Abolished from March 1871
† Abolished from August 1873
‡ Abolished from 31st March 1871
§ Abolished from April 1873.

P 1.

WORK DONE BY DISTRICT JUDGES.

DISTRICT.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions Trials.	No. of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge* ...	110	150	3	232	157	131	61	118
Beerbhoom ...	112	124	27	137	126	27	72	19
Bhaugulpore ...	148	99	8	133	408	57	63	165
Burdwan, East ...	169	72	5	469	317	121	56	104
Burdwan, West ...	183	52	14	194	285	24	25	39
Chittagong ...	174	75	5	393	210	102	32	18
Cuttack ...	126	118	...	100	260	7	54	143
Dacca* ...	177	75	38	492	394	89	45	239
Dinagepore ...	119	91	4	159	219	45	52	89
Gya ...	93	150	8	131	87	87	100	131
Hooghly* ...	195	49	11	642	364	91	42	83
Jessore* ...	138	94	5	305	279	40	67	117
Midnapore ...	170	77	5	899	452	38	54	152
Moorshedabad ...	116	135	8	120	229	34	81	89
Mymensingh ...	118	126	...	314	87	91	44	133
Nuddea ...	143	103	3	349	336	46	55	123
Patna* ...	154	79	...	680	541	57	46	296
Purneah ...	168	83	3	96	266	51	50	50
Rajshahye ...	98	139	...	585	500	131	86	153
Rungpore ...	88	150	...	151	86	36	94	116
Sarun ...	183	63	...	546	595	33	67	35
Shahabad* ...	142½	100½	24	365	391	37	61	191
Sylhet ...	158	73	3	413	168	62	46	84
Tipperah* ...	140	79	...	414	358	120	85	124
Tirhoot* ...	126	108	22	387	179	58	66	133
24-Pergunnahs* ...	225	23	6	723	407	80	34	362
Chota Nagpore ...	140*a*	86*a*	29	16	288	17	91	102
Cachar ...	52	6	8	77	89	5	5	14*b*
Cooch Behar ...	64*c*	46*c*	...	39	71	6	15	49
Total ...	4,029½	2,625½	242	9,561	8,149	1,723	1,649	3,471.

* Had the help of an Additional Judge.

(*a*) Twenty days occupied in travelling on circuit.

(*b*) The civil work shewn here was that performed by the Deputy Commissioner as Judge, and the criminal by the Sessions Judge of Sylhet.

(*c*) This Judge's duties are mainly executive.

P 2.

WORK DONE BY ADDITIONAL JUDGES.

DISTRICT.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions trials.	No of Criminal Appeals
Backergunge*	27	10	...	3	57	...	6	...
Jessore ...	211	30	...	...	427	..	15	...
Hooghly ...	..	39	...	.	...	...	38	...
Furreedpore (Dacca)†...	92	51	...	44	229	7	21	13
Tipperah ...	...	5	...	...	...	...	7	..
Tirhoot ...	204	...	40	89	365	...	...	..
24-Pergunnahs ...	149	54	11	13	555	...	64	...
Patna‡	..	32	...	...	...	...	16	...
Total ...	683	221	51	179	1,633	7	167	13

* The Additional Judge was in the District from 1st January to 7th April.
† From 1st May to 31st December 1873.
‡ The Additional Judge's criminal work was done at Patna and [illegible]rah, and his civil work at Mozufferpore.

P 3.

WORK DONE BY SUBORDINATE JUDGES.

DISTRICTS.		1873. Original Suits.	1873. Miscellaneous Cases.	1873. Regular Appeals.	1873. Miscellaneous Appeals.	1874. Original Suits.	1874. Miscellaneous Cases.	1874. Regular Appeals.	1874. Miscellaneous Appeals.
Backergunge	1st Sub. Judge	91	485	155	...	76	494	198	...
	2nd Sub. Judge	61	30	383	...	52	51	118	...
Beerbhoom	...	78	347	126	...	33	105	113	...
Bhaugulpore	1st Sub. Judge	279	338	292	...	220	817	402	...
	2nd Sub. Judge	1	...	392	...	31	1	367	.
Burdwan, East	1st Sub. Judge	204	919	110	...	137	693	243	. .
	2nd Sub. Judge	74	23	127	...	...	...	...	.
Burdwan, West	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	36	...
Chittagong	1st Sub. Judge	16	207	538	...	64	262	407	. .
	2nd Sub. Judge	13	215	475	...	2	73	193	...
Cuttack	...	224	467	...	. .	66	169	15	...
Dacca	1st Sub. Judge	105	411	414	...	122	515	717	...
	2nd Sub. Judge	104	300	606	...	...	...		..
	Sub. Judge of Furreedpore.	20	147	373	19	40	145	266	37
Dinagepore	...	119	145	126	...	59	87	120	...
Gya	...	227	862	309	...	232	957	315	. .
Hooghly	1st Sub. Judge	100	409	264	...	146	589	186	..
	2nd Sub. Judge	85	292	150	...	..	. .	...	. .
	S. C. C. Judge, with powers of Sub. Judge.	2	...	27	...	..	2	222	..
Jessore	...	73	652	397	. .	142	509	386	.
Midnapore	1st Sub. Judge	123	409	167	.	110	588	115	.
	2nd Sub. Judge	3	...	65	.	.	. .	.	
Moorshedabad	1st Sub. Judge	174	519	232	...	131	481	179	.
	2nd Sub. Judge	63	80	106		39	93	193	
Mymensingh	1st Sub. Judge	87	830	662	15	84	397	181	27
	2nd Sub. Judge	153	317	745	16	76	518	509	31
Nuddea	...	154	431	231	...	137	169	220	.
Patna	1st Sub. Judge	201	744	87	...	211	765	308	
	2nd Sub. Judge	. .	.	..		102	11	..	..
Purneah	...	109	303	111	.	113	317	136	
Rajshahye	1st Sub. Judge	78	339	246	. .	91	190	226	
	2nd Sub. Judge	.	...		.	. .	21	393	.
Rungpore	1st Sub. Judge	68	161	416	..	73	103	773	
	2nd Sub. Judge	.		..			.	87	
Sarun	1st Sub. Judge	222	808	139		188	718	112	
	2nd Sub. Judge	7	2	63			.		
Shahabad	...	116	526	255	.	201	528	116	.
Sylhet	...	971*	614	531		910*	281	486	.
Tipperah	1st Sub. Judge	147	592	1,311	...	125	531	418	
	2nd Sub. Judge	.	.	. .	.	3	70	731	.
	3rd Sub. Judge		.	.	.		31	399	...
Tirhoot	...	363	1,339	141	...	372	1,241	221	
24 Pergns.	1st Sub. Judge	129	319	260	..	129	370	279	
	2nd Sub. Judge	146	358	156		113	311	243	
	3rd Sub. Judge	1	13	468	..		21	159	...
Chota Nagpore	...	236	467	213	11	250	770	259	32
Cachar	...	. .	.	.		.	.		
Cooch Behar	.	29	52	1	.	27	98	.	
Total of Regulation Districts		5,226	15,013	11,959	50	4,697	13,301	11,127	95
Total of Non-Regulation Districts		265	529	217	41	277	868	259	32
Grand Total		5,191	15,532	12,176	91	4,974	14,169	11,386	127

* Including suits tried by this officer in the exercise of Small Cause Court Jurisdiction up to Rs. 50.

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1873.		1874.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
BACKERGUNGE ...	1st, Burrisal ...	1,057	1,771	1,541	2,036	
	2nd, do. ...	1,601	2,178	1,981	2,032	
	3rd, do. ...	...	...	911	394	
	Perozepore, 1st ...	1,815	2,450	2,147	2,543	
	Do. 2nd ...	...	...	407	.27	
	Patooakhali ...	1,539	1,910	1,907	2,186	
	1st, Dukhinshabazpore	1,113	1,527	1,474	2,052	
	2nd, do. ...	1,155	920	993	797	
	1st, Madaripore ..	1,186	1,356	321	324	
	2nd, do. ...	1,228	833	308	290	
	Extra Sudder ...	1,038	88	...	...	
	Do. Perozepore ...	593	91	...	...	
	Do. Patooakhali ...	594	35	...	...	
	TOTAL ...	12,919	13,159	11,990	12,681	
BEERBHOOM ...	Sooree ...	1,032	1,095	792	916	
	Doobrajpore ...	1,546	1,843	1,152	1,722	
	Bulpore ...	1,075	1,409	936	1,654	
	Rampore Haut ...	510	527	...	...	
	TOTAL ...	4,163	4,874	2,880	4,322	
BHAUGULPORE ...	Sudder ...	1,610	1,152	1,087	1,074	
	Monghyr ...	1,941	1,621	1,656	1,482	
	Mudheypoora ...	1,838	1,043	1,530	1,037	
	Beguseerai ..	1,556	1,375	1,378	1,562	
	Jumooyee ...	686	564	543	326	
	Extra Beguseerai ...	648	...	...	...	
	Do. Mudheypoora ..	527	...	...	...	
	TOTAL ...	8,806	5,755	6,194	5,481	
BURDWAN, EAST	1st, Sudder ...	1,804	1,836	1,744	1,697	
	2nd, do. ...	1,709	2,441	1,376	1,734	
	3rd, do. ...	369	68	366	196	
	Culna ...	1,240	1,102	1,555	1,203	
	Cutwa, 1st ...	2,715	1,833	2,528	1,633	
	Do., 2nd ...	...	...	288	220	
	Bood Bood ...	2,068	2,700	1,611	2,170	
	Ranigunge ...	1,281	1,562	1,221	1,055	
	Jehanabad ...	2,404	3,252	2,531	2,203	
	TOTAL ...	13,590	14,794	13,220	12,111	
BURDWAN, WEST	Bancoorah ...	1,061	1,763	1,198	1,445	
	Bishenpore ...	2,328	2,988	1,982	3,308	
	Gungajulghattee ...	805	1,410	789	1,196	
	TOTAL ...	4,194	6,161	3,969	5,949	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1873.		1874.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
CHITTAGONG ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,006	1,242	906	1,022	
	2nd, do. ...	453	295	..	...	
	1st, Sitakoond ...	1,172	1,285	1,246	1,146	
	2nd, do. ...	172	214	...	...	
	Puttea ...	1,600	1,989	1,532	1,794	
	Howlah ...	1,319	1,476	1,273	1,362	
	Hathhazaree ...	1,212	1,067	1,154	1,033	
	Fatickcherry ...	1,212	1,228	1,080	848	
	Sandip ...	1,281	1,360	1,271	1,382	
	Raojan ...	1,254	1,979	954	1,465	
	Rangoneah ...	955	1,068	811	860	
	Satkaneah ...	1,691	1,642	1,275	1,389	
	Cox's Bazar ...	640	436	495	383	
	Deang	1,095	958	991	769	
	Additional ...	...	...	1,151	169	
	TOTAL ...	15,062	16,239	14,139	13,622	
CUTTACK ...	1st, Sudder ...	206	193	555	436	
	2nd, do. ...	133	28	...	...	
	Balasore ...	1,446	1,767	1,230	1,476	
	Pooree ...	1,109	1,626	1,110	919	
	Jajpore ...	850	1,030	737	898	
	Kendraparah ...	481	567	527	516	
	TOTAL ...	4,225	5,211	4,159	4,215	
DACCA ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,073	1,112	918	1,104	
	2nd, do. ...	1,723	1,484	1,849	1,710	
	Furreedpore ...	1,055	1,160	918	1,239	
	Kaligunge ...	1,616	914	1,590	990	
	1st, Moonshigunge ...	3,338	1,464	3,139	3,501	
	2nd, do. ...	1,016	502	1,443	256	
	1st, Manickgunge ...	2,822	1,745	2,152	3,123	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	239	1	
	1st, Bhangah ...	2,021	2,665	2,506	2,896	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	207	.	
	Muxoodpore ...	1,432	1,462	1,084	1,325	
	Goalundo ..	1,785	1,077	1,927	2,049	
	Madaripore ..	...	...	1,425	1,704	
	Extra Sudder ...	447	73	...	..	
	Do. Moonshigunge..	422	246	...	...	
	Do. Manickgunge ..	610	299	...	...	
	Do. Muxoodpore ..	240	...	...	...	
	Do. Goalundo ...	310	119	...	...	
	TOTAL ...	19,910	14,322	19,697	20,228	
DINAGEPORE ...	Sudder ...	1,664	1,566	1,414	993	
	Beergunge ...	1,120	973	1,073	601	
	Thacoorgong ...	1,700	1,288	1,699	1,538	
	Hemtabad ...	974	541	715	445	
	Maldah ...	1,815	1,731	1,804	1,121	
	Shibgunge ...	1,049	918	808	614	
	Gungarampore ...	622	264	477	204	
	Putnitollah ...	794	582	682	442	
	Chintamun ...	960	721	752	310	
	TOTAL ...	10,698	8,584	9,424	6,268	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

District.	Moonsiffee.	1873. Regular Suits.	1873. Miscellaneous Cases.	1874. Regular Suits.	1874. Miscellaneous Cases.	Remarks.
Gyah ...	1st, Sudder ..	1,438	1,812	1,004	1,691	
	2nd, do. ..	...	...	357	341	
	Nowadah ...	179	261	222	255	
	Arungabad ...	311	379	408	430	
	Total ...	1,928	2,452	1,991	2,717	
Hooghly ..	Sudder ...	605	694	493	560	
	Pandooah ...	1,186	1,132	1,151	852	
	Hurripal ...	922	804	749	735	
	1st, Serampore ...	1,574	1,918	1,127	1,456	
	2nd, do. ..	...	...	681	6	
	Oollooberiah ...	785	836	706	1,146	
	1st, Amtah ...	1,323	1,740	1,373	1,924	
	2nd, do. ...	..	...	139	...	
	Sulkeah ..	1,410	1,533	1,360	1,432	
	Total ...	7,826	8,679	7,779	8,111	
Jessore ...	1st Sudder ...	1,463	2,665	1,960	2,902	
	2nd, do. ...	1,349	2,030	1,692	2,433	
	3rd, do. ...	1,472	1,978	1,182	1,049	
	4th, do. ...	889	763	325	233	
	Khoolneah ...	2,464	2,915	2,612	2,577	
	Narail ...	1,906	1,963	2,950	2,467	
	Magoorah ...	1,991	1,984	1,857	1,670	
	Baghirhat ...	2,042	1,862	2,159	2,325	
	Jenidah ...	1,405	1,344	1,647	1,490	
	Extra Sudder ...	361	255	...	..	
	Do. Narail ...	997	280	...	...	
	Total ...	16,339	18,039	16,384	17,146	
Midnapore ...	1st, Sudder ..	2,096	2,481	1,936	1,895	
	2nd, do. ...	1,401	1,580	1,966	1,635	
	Bogree ...	1,659	1,957	1,862	1,842	
	Tumlook ...	1 572	1,979	1,896	2,470	
	1st, Nemal ...	1,665	1,703	2,489	1,248	
	2nd, do. ...	852	7	250	...	
	Dantoon ...	661	548	781	497	
	Ghattal ...	1,197	1,300	1,150	1,307	
	Extra Bogree ...	378	21	...	...	
	Total ...	11,481	11,576	12,330	10,894	
Moorshedabad	Berhampore ...	1,173	839	1,218	1,100	
	Jungipore ...	2,641	1,697	2,161	1,805	
	Kandi ...	1,427	987	1,541	890	
	Harharparah ...	1,285	706	1,213	899	
	Gowas ...	1,839	1,720	1,684	2,007	
	Rampore Haut ...	622	650	1,211	1,122	
	Extra Jungipore ...	546	4	...	...	
	Total ...	9,533	6,603	9,028	7,823	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1873.		1874.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES	
MYMENSINGH	Sudder ...	1,710	1,323	1,773	1,697	
	1st, Attiah ...	1,912	1,088	1,450	1,309	
	2nd, do. ...	1,257	1,128	663	651	
	Bazitpore ..	1,163	968	1,084	1,343	
	Ghoshgong ...	1,573	1,475	1,582	1,583	
	Ishragunge ..	1,271	948	1,122	849	
	1st, Nettrokonah ...	1,614	1,774	1,378	1,928	
	2nd, do. ...	1,310	1,415	1,262	1,301	
	Nikli ...	1,209	1,419	1,844	1,926	
	Jamalpore ...	1,575	1,351	1,460	1,478	
	Sherepore ...	788	827	790	824	
	Pingnah ...	1,410	1,218	1,293	836	
	Extra Sudder ...	377	332	...	...	
	Do. Nikli ...	581	380	...	...	
	TOTAL ...	17,750	16,176	15,701	15,725	
NUDDEA ...	Kishnaghur ...	931	2,362	954	2,027	
	Chooadangah ...	435	482	431	356	
	Meherpore ...	651	805	772	613	
	1st, Bongong ...	1,982	1,475	1,702	1,203	
	2nd, do. ..	531	190	481	391	
	1st, Ranaghat ...	763	707	750	831	
	2nd, do. ..	...	...	167	...	
	1st, Kooshtea ...	1,712	1,373	1,204	1,215	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	215	9	
	TOTAL ...	7,005	7,394	6,676	6,645	
PATNA ...	1st, Sudder ...	981	2,419	1,340	1,561	
	2nd, do. ...	790	1,576	841	730	
	Behar ...	550	949	651	725	
	Extra Sudder Station	158	27	...	...	
	TOTAL ...	2,479	4,971	2,832	3,016	
PURNEAH ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,188	949	977	767	
	2nd, do. ...	1,088	973	1,228	784	
	Arrareah ...	1,429	1,343	1,262	1,221	
	Kissengunge ...	1,335	963	1,320	844	
	Kudba ...	1,041	889	914	643	
	TOTAL ...	5,981	5,117	5,701	4,259	
RAJSHAHYE ...	Beauleah ...	809	886	1,321	628	
	Nattore ..	1,383	1,574	1,221	715	
	Pubna ...	758	695	1,094	333	
	1st, Shazadpore ...	1,500	1,609	2,913	464	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	319	81	
	Serajgunge ...	2,050	936	2,087	456	
	TOTAL ...	6,500	5,700	8,955	2,677	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1873.		1874.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
RUNGPORE ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,947	1,060	2,051	871	
	2nd, do. ...	857	13	...	...	
	Bhotmari ...	1,607	949	1,634	904	
	1st, Borobari ...	1,723	677	1,206	662	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	528	5	
	Buddergunge ...	1,797	865	1,794	1,176	
	Olipore ...	1,407	613	1,297	534	
	Badiakhali ...	1,420	736	1,300	653	
	1st, Bograh ...	2,064	1,300	1,430	920	
	2nd, do. ...	..	...	470	8	
	Extra Borobari ...	402	...	...	...	
	Do. Buddergunge ..	582	...	...	...	
	Do. Badiakhali ...	384	2	...	...	
	Do. Bograh ...	554	5	...	...	
	TOTAL ...	14,744	6,220	11,710	5,733	
SARUN ...	Chuprah ...	1,523	2,367	1,346	2,318	
	Pursah ...	970	1,061	798	753	
	Sewan ...	1,044	1,127	700	1,248	
	Chumparun ...	813	627	820	634	
	TOTAL ...	4,310	5,182	3,664	4,953	
SHAHABAD ...	Arrah, 1st ...	1,237	1,170	1,296	1,277	
	Do., 2nd ...	1,040	1,212	954	1,060	
	Buxar ...	1,149	1,116	931	1,203	
	Sasseeram ...	756	531	883	678	
	TOTAL ...	4,182	4,029	4,064	4,218	
SYLHET ...	Parcool ...	1,561	1,652	1,522	1,267	
	Phenchoogunge ...	1,522	921	1,401	884	
	Sunamgunge ...	797	511	820	515	
	Rusoolgunge ...	1,356	1,213	1,169	997	
	Nubeegunge ...	1,935	1,376	2,325	1,342	
	Lushkerpore ...	1,707	1,280	2,192	1,287	
	Extra Nubeegunge ...	571	252	...	...	
	Do. Lushkerpore ...	577	295	...	...	
	TOTAL ...	10,026	7,500	9,429	6,292	
TIPPERAH ...	1st, Commillah ...	4,087	2,760	1,658	1,616	
	2nd, do. ...			731	540	
	3rd, do. ...			949	571	
	Cushba Noornugger...	1,755	1,518	1,446	1,449	
	1st, Nassirnugger ...	4,605	2,771	1,423	1,219	
	2nd, do. ...			1,335	1,103	
	3rd, do. ...	...	...	872	403	
	1st, Panchpookhoria...	3,749	1,983	1,448	1,011	
	2nd, do. ...			1,133	518	
	3rd, do. ...	...	...	1,127	499	
	Toobkibograh ...	1,197	862	1,169	1,002	
	1st, Juggarnathdiggy	1,593	1,322	1,315	1,130	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	502	95	
	1st, Soodharam ...	3,134	2,409	1,683	1,921	
	2nd do. ...	...	...	1,317	457	
	Begumgunge ...	2,139	1,714	1,809	1,384	
	Ameergong ...	2,251	2,390	1,585	2,712	
	TOTAL ...	24,510	17,729	21,502	17,630	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT	MOONSIFFEE	1873. Regular Suits.	1873. Miscellaneous Cases.	1874. Regular Suits.	1874. Miscellaneous Cases.	REMARKS.
TIRHOOT ...	Mozufferpore ...	1,383	1,611	1,378	1,649	
	Durbhangah ...	1,085	1,336	576	708	
	Mudhoobunee ..	1,171	1,838	746	1,606	
	Tajpore ..	1,076	1,347	625	788	
	Hazeepore ...	774	412	1,043	1,215	
	Extra Sudder Station	62	61	...	...	
	Do. Mudhoobunee	48	11	...	...	
	TOTAL ...	5,599	6,619	4,368	5,966	
24-PERGUNNAHS	1st Alipore ...	995	1,530	1,300	1,328	
	2nd, do. ...	1,180	1,196	1,001	768	
	3rd, do. ...	1,631	1,116	588	856	
	4th, do. ...	804	345	...	...	
	1st, Diamond Harbour	1,228	1,381	1,433	1,211	
	2nd, do. ...	1,387	1,521	1,276	1,528	
	3rd, do. .	219	289	538	10	
	1st, Baripore ...	926	1,570	835	923	
	2nd, do. .	513	154	482	225	
	Sealdah ...	739	776	1,546	1,278	
	1st, Baraset ...	2,089	2,424	2,233	1,395	
	2nd, do. ...	1,661	1,552	1,799	1,687	
	3rd, do. ...	1,219	1,329	...	...	
	1st, Bushirhat ...	931	1,658	1,053	913	
	2nd, do. ...	1,042	1,951	1,020	1,011	
	1st, Satkhirah .	1,618	2,978	1,530	1,622	
	2nd, do. ...	1,187	1,454	1,502	1,390	
	3rd, do. ...	483	36	...	...	
	TOTAL ...	19,882	23,263	18,136	16,148	
CHOTA NAGPORE	Hazareebagh ...	255	226	363	253	
	Lohardugga ...	170	181	127	156	
	Purulia ...	834	1,120	849	972	
	Manbazar ...	726	1,416	701	1,134	
	Rughoonathpore ...	617	994	559	1,033	
	Burhee ..	335	257	417	237	
	Chittra .	185	325	166	200	
	Ranchee ...	453	402	538	833	
	Daltongunge ...	226	287	217	219	
	TOTAL ..	3,801	5,208	3,967	5,037	
CACHAR ..	Sudder ...	1,158	733	920	283	
	1st, Hylakandy ...	422	247	358	96	
	2nd, do. ...	5	17	...	...	
	TOTAL ..	1,585	997	1,278	379	
COOCH BEHAR ..	Julpigooree ..	1,113	609	1,344	627	
	Darjeeling ...	70	49	41	24	
	Terai ...	53	4	111	8	
	Falacotta ...	189	126	89	93	
	TOTAL ...	1,425	788	1,585	752	

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AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.

DISTRICT.	SUBORDINATE JUDGES.		MOONSIFFS.		SMALL CAUSE COURT JUDGES.		JUDGES.*	
	CONTESTED.	UNCONTESTED.	CONTESTED.	UNCONTESTED.	CONTESTED.	UNCONTESTED.	CONTESTED.	UNCONTESTED.
	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.		
BACKERGUNGE ...	0 5 23	0 0 29	0 5 15	0 3 14	0 0 24	0 0 17	...	...
BEERBHOOM	0 1 24	0 2 28	0 2 12	0 1 5	...	...	...	...
BHAUGULPORE ...	0 2 15	0 2 24	0 1 23	0 1 12	0 0 11	0 0 10	...	...
BURDWAN, EAST ...	0 3 9	0 2 9	0 1 22	0 1 0	...	...	...	...
BURDWAN, WEST ...	...	...	0 2 0	0 1 6	...	...	0 4 12	0 2 5
CHITTAGONG	0 1 18	0 1 4	0 2 0	0 1 1	...	...	...	...
CUTTACK ...	0 6 17	0 1 23	0 3 14	0 2 2	0 0 12	0 0 10	...	...
DACCA ...	0 5 6	0 1 17	0 2 21	0 1 6	0 1 1	0 0 20	...	...
DINAGEPORE	0 3 28	0 2 10	0 1 26	0 0 21	...	...	...	...
GYA ...	0 3 20	0 2 1	0 2 10	0 1 14	...	...	...	...
HOOGHLY ...	0 4 20	0 1 13	0 4 1	0 2 23	0 0 19	0 0 17	...	...
JESSORE ...	0 3 0	0 1 13	0 2 20	0 1 17	0 0 16	0 0 11	...	...
MIDNAPORE	0 9 26	0 4 1	0 1 18	0 1 7	0 0 26	0 0 18	...	...
MOORSHEDABAD ...	0 4 13	0 2 7	0 2 20	0 1 21	0 0 29	0 0 18	...	...
MYMENSINGH	0 6 1	0 2 9	0 2 5	0 1 1	...	...	...	...
NUDDEA ...	0 5 3	0 1 2	0 5 13	0 2 13	0 1 1	0 0 24	...	...
PATNA ...	0 6 6	0 3 13	0 4 8	0 2 24	0 0 11	0 0 12	...	...
PURNEAH ...	0 4 2	0 2 0	0 3 5	0 1 10	...	...	...	...
RAJSHAHYE	0 9 1	0 2 1	0 3 16	0 1 16	0 0 20	0 0 18	...	...
RUNGPORE...	0 8 2	0 1 19	0 4 20	0 2 18	...	...	...	...
SARUN ...	0 6 16	0 3 29	0 2 15	0 1 24	...	...	...	...
SHAHABAD...	0 2 15	0 2 1	0 3 3	0 1 13	...	...	...	...
SYLHET ...	0 3 17	0 1 12	0 3 11	0 1 12	...	...	...	...
TIPPERAH ...	0 9 8	0 3 21	0 2 2	0 1 3	...	...	...	...
TIRHOOT ...	0 4 26	0 2 18	0 4 3	0 1 24	...	...	...	...
24-PERGUNNAHS ...	0 7 29	0 3 14	0 2 29	0 1 23	0 0 26	0 0 20	...	...
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	0 5 3	0 2 0	0 2 11	0 1 1	...	...	...	...
CACHAR ...	...	...	0 2 21	0 1 19	..	...	...	...
COOCH BEHAR ...	0 4 3	0 1 18	0 0 25	0 0 20	0 0 25	0 0 20	...	...

* The District Judges' Courts, except that of West Burdwan, have been excluded from this Statement, partly because, with the above exception, original suits are not commenced there, but are called up commonly after they have been pending for some time in other Courts; and partly because the number of suits decided by District Judges is too small to afford the means of striking a fair average. Any such Statement therefore in respect of these Courts would be apt to mislead.

R.

COST OF ESTABLISHMENTS WITH STAMP DUTY AND COURT FEES REALIZED.

DISTRICT.		Cost of Establishments, including Judges' Salaries.			Stamp Duty and Court Fees Realized.			Surplus.			Deficit.		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Backergunge	...	89,447	0	0	1,39,961	15	7	50,514	15	7	...		
Beerbhoom	...	61,610	9	6	45,458	3	3	...			16,152	6	3
Bhaugulpore	...	96,675	13	0	1,85,382	8	8	88,706	11	8	...		
Burdwan, East	...	99,962	6	4	1,81,570	4	7	81,607	14	3	...		
Burdwan, West	...	50,887	13	2	34,092	0	6	...			16,795	12	8
Chittagong	...	1,11,072	0	0	1,60,275	0	0	49,203	0	0	...		
Cuttack	...	93,509	2	1	69,492	4	3	...			24,016	13	10
Dacca	...	1,74,694	3	3	2,87,683	10	0	1,12,989	6	9	...		
Dinagepore	...	83,829	7	7	92,912	9	2	9,083	1	7	...		
Gya	...	68,909	0	6	94,052	12	11	25,143	12	5	...		
Hooghly	...	1,33,187	11	2	1,61,219	8	0	28,031	12	10	...		
Jessore	...	1,74,644	0	0	2,69,937	0	0	95,293	0	0	...		
Midnapore	...	99,453	10	5	1,35,202	7	9	35,748	13	4	...		
Moorshedabad	...	82,162	0	0	1,06,731	0	0	24,569	0	0	...		
Mymensingh	...	1,34,501	9	3	2,20,701	5	1	86,799	11	10	...		
Nuddea	...	1,09,631	6	10	1,21,820	6	5	12,188	15	7	...		
Patna	...	67,784	2	9	1,12,949	0	9	45,164	14	0	...		
Purneah	...	77,306	10	2	67,612	11	7	...			9,693	14	7
Rajshahye	...	98,781	13	11	1,09,257	9	0	10,475	11	1	...		
Rungpore	...	89,737	7	4	1,13,516	7	11	23,779	0	7	...		
Sarun	...	77,424	7	11	1,04,272	15	0	26,848	7	1	...		
Shahabad	...	83,768	13	9	77,954	7	11	...			5,814	5	10
Sylhet	...	87,080	15	11	1,27,265	1	8	40,184	1	9	...		
Tipperah	...	1,38,144	14	2	2,47,685	12	7	1,09,513	14	5	...		
Tirhoot	...	1,19,339	9	6	1,53,654	2	0	34,314	8	6	...		
24-Pergunnahs	...	1,87,656	0	0	2,36,171	0	0	48,515	0	0	...		
Total	...	26,91,202	12	6	36,56,805	4	7	10,38,075	13	3	72,473	5	2
Chota Nagpore	...	1,84,716	0	0	1,22,868	0	0	...			61,848	0	0
Cachar	...	39,707	4	0	13,076	7	10	...			26,630	12	2
Cooch Behar	...	1,30,221	12	9	30,974	2	10	...			99,247	9	11
Total	..	3,54,645	0	9	1,66,918	10	8	...			1,87,726	6	1
Grand Total	..	30,45,847	13	3	38,23,723	15	3	10,38,075	13	3	2,60,199	11	3

S.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF SUCH PORTION OF THE SALARIES OF DISTRICT JUDGES AS IS PROPERLY DEBITABLE TO CIVIL COURTS.

DISTRICT.	Total No. of days given to Judicial work.	No. of days given to Civil work.	Total Amount of Judges' Salary.			Proportion debitable to Civil Courts.
			Rs.	A.	P.	
Backergunge ...	260	110	25,707	1	8	10,876
Beerbhoom ...	236	112	29,000	0	0	13,762
Bhaugulpore ...	247	148	30,000	0	0	17,975
Burdwan, East ...	241	169	30,000	0	0	21,037
Burdwan, West ...	235	183	22,118	2	9	17,223
Chittagong ...	249	174	24,000	0	0	16,771
Cuttack ...	244	126	28,406	0	0	14,668
Dacca ...	252	177	29,803	9	0	20,933
Dinagepore ...	210	119	19,600	0	0	11,106
Gya ...	243	93	28,117	12	5	10,760
Hooghly ...	246	195	30,000	0	0	23,780
Jessore ...	234	138	30,000	0	0	17,692
Midnapore ...	247	170	30,000	0	0	20,647
Moorshedabad ...	251	116	22,032	0	0	10,182
Mymensingh ...	244	118	30,250	0	0	14,629
Nuddea ...	246	143	30,000	0	0	17,439
Patna ...	233	154	30,000	0	0	19,825
Purneah ...	251	168	29,000	0	0	19,410
Rajshahye ...	237	98	24,231	1	2	10,019
Rungpore ...	238	88	25,301	12	5	9,354
Sarun ...	246	183	30,000	0	0	22,317
Shahabad ...	243	142½	31,847	13	0	18,675
Sylhet ...	231	158	30,000	0	0	20,519
Tipperah ...	219	140	30,000	0	0	19,178
Tirhoot ...	234	126	30,000	0	0	16,153
24-Pergunnahs ...	248	225	30,000	0	0	27,217
Total ...	6,265	3,773½	7,29,415	4	5	4,42,147
Non-Regulation Provinces ...	...	...	75,010	0	0	...

Receipts of the Civil Courts, Regulation and Non-Regulation Districts					Rs.	38,23,723	15	3
Total cost of Civil Courts in Regulation Districts	Rs.	26,91,202	12	6				
Deduct portion of salaries debitable to work other than Civil ...	„	2,87,268	4	5				
Net cost in Regulation Provinces .	„	24,03,934	8	1				
Cost of Civil Courts in Non-Regulation Districts after deduction of two-thirds of salaries as explained	„	1,18,215	5	7	„	22,85,719	2	6
		Surplus			...	15,38,004	12	9

T.

STATISTICS OF THE

DIVISION	DISTRICT	Area, Square Miles.	Population, Souls.	NUMBER & GRADES OF COURTS. Judge.	Addl. Judge.	Sub. Judge	Moonsiffs.	Small Cause Courts.	Cost of Courts	NUMBER OF ORI (INSTI Small Cause Court	Rent.
BURDWAN	Burdwan, East	3,523	20,34,745	1	.	1	10	...	99,962 6 4	5,771	5,343
	" West ...	1,346	5,26,772	1	.	1a	3	...	50,887 13 2	1,020	1,706
	Beerbhoom ..	1,344	6,95,021	1	...	1b	4	...	61,610 9 6	1,421	1,072
	Midnapore .	5,082	25,40,963	1		1	10	1	99 453 10 5	6,622	5,386
	Hooghly	1,424	14,88,556	1	1	2	8	3	1,33,187 11 2	3,940	4,008
	Total ...	12,719	72,86,957	5	1	6	35	4	4,45,102 2 7	18,771	17,515
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs ..	2,788	22,10,047	1	2	2	12	3	1,87,656 0 0	10,487	8,634
	Nuddea ..	3,421	18,12,795	1	...	1	8	5	1,09,631 6 10	8,339	3,986
	Jessore . .	3,658	20,75,021	1	1	1	11c	4	1,74,644 0 0	11,719	12,062
	Total .	9,867	60,97,863	3	3	4	31	12	4,71,931 6 10	30,575	24,682
RAJSHAHYE	Moorshedabad .	2,578	13,53,626	1	.	1	6	1	82,162 0 0	4,797	3,340
	Dinagepore .	5,939	21,78,350	1	...	1	9	...	83 829 7 7	7,247	1,655
	Rajshahye .	4,200	25,22,323	1	..	2	6	2	98 781 13 11	4,513	3,811
	Rungpore ...	4,977	28,39,439	1	..	1	10d	.	89,737 7 4	7,787	3,305
	Total .	17,694	88,93,738	4		5	31	3	3,51,510 12 10	24,344	12,111
COOCH BEHAR	Cooch Behar ...	5,447	10,45,942	1	...	3	..	2e	1,30,221 12 9	2 314	...
DACCA	Dacca	4,393	28,65,582	1	1	2	12f	5g	1,74 694 3 3	15,324	7,058
	Backergunge .	4,935	23,77,433	1	1	2	12	1	89,447 0 0	3,751	7,608
	Mymensing ...	6 293	23,49,917	1	...	2	12	..	1,31,501 9 3	10,099	2,445
	Sylhet .	5,383	17,19,539	1	...	1	6		87,080 15 11	6,840	987
	Cachar . ..	1,285	2,05,027	1	.	.	2	...	39,707 4 0	1,120	33
	Total	22 289	95,17,498	5	2	7	44	6	5,25,431 0 5	37,134	18,131
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	2,498	11,27,402	1	...	2h	13	..	1,11,072 0 0	4,240	6,044
	Tipperah ...	4,212	22,17,865	1	...	3	15i	...	1,38,144 14 2	7,925	10,233
	Total	6,710	33,75,267	2	..	5	28	..	2,49,216 14 2	12,165	16,277
PATNA	Patna	2,101	15,59 638	1	1	2	5	3	67,784 2 9	1,303	1,482
	Gya	4 718	19,19,750	1	...	1	3	..	68 909 0 6	722	578
	Shahabad	4,385	17,23,974	1	...	1	4	...	83,768 13 9	1,407	1,902
	Tirhoot ...	6,343	43,84,706	1	1	1	5		1,19,339 9 6	1,851	1,222
	Sarun ...	6,185	35,04,675	1	...	1	4		77,424 7 11	914	1,380
	Total ..	23,732	1,31,22,743	5	2	6	21	3	4,17,226 2 5	6,197	6,564
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore	13 728	48 98,563	1	.	2	5	2	96 675 13 0	5,159	2,816
	Purneah .	4,957	17,14,795	1	...	1	5	.	77,306 10 2	2,842	2,770
	Total	18 685	66,13,358	2	...	3	10	2	1,73,982 7 2	8,301	5,586
ORISSA	Cuttack	7,717	30,34,690	1		2	6	1	93 509 2 1	3,514	
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore ..	28,482	34 10,591	1		5	9	...	1,84,716 0 0	3,331	
	Grand Total	1,53,342	6,24,07,647	29	8	46	215	33	30,45,847 13 3	1,46,682	1,00,866

* Differs from total in Statement C, because the Cuttack

CIVIL COURTS, 1874.

GINAL SUITS TUTIONS). Others.	Total.	Ratio of Suits to Population, (per cent.)	Total value of Suits (in Regular Courts).	Stamps and Court Fees realized.	Number of Regular Appeals instituted.	Miscellaneous original Cases instituted (confined to Cases requiring a Judicial Finding and Order).	Miscellaneous Appeals instituted.	Remarks.
2,896	14,010	·6	12,18,810 0 0	1,81,570 4 7	763	13,524	90	
1,327	4,053	·7	2,51,532 0 0	34,092 0 6	288	6,466	25	(a). The office of Subordinate Judge was abolished on 15th April 1871, but an officer of that rank served temporarily in the district during Mr. Cornell's, deputation on special duty to Rungpore.
869	3,362	·4	3,76,368 0 0	45,458 3 3	339	5,146	46	
1,806	13,814	·5	12,26,323 0 0	1,35,202 7 9	691	12,829	49	
1,965	9,913	·6	8,99,927 0 0	1,61,219 8 0	746	8,967	100	(b). The Subordinate Judge held office for five months only.
8,863	45,152	·6	39,72,960 0 0	5,57,542 8 1	2,827	46,932	310	
1,974	21,095	·9	20,34,965 0 0	2,36,171 0 0	1,370	17,112	69	
1,021	13,346	·7	5,78,860 0 0	1,21,820 6 5	711	7,482	49	
2,042	25,853	1·2	12,12,769 0 0	2,69,937 0 0	1,081	17,749	48	(c). In Narail, there were two additional Moonsiffs' Courts in the year.
5,037	60,294	·9	38,26,594 0 0	6,27,928 6 5	3,162	42,343	166	
779	8,916	·6	10,02,843 2 0	1,06,731 0 0	416	7,432	33	
613	9,515	·4	8,17,987 0 0	92,912 9 2	434	6,253	53	
1,175	9,499	·3	8,50,464 0 0	1,09,257 9 0	1,007	5,544	107	
884	11,976	·4	10,40,228 13 10	1,13,516 7 11	566	5,876	35	(d). The extra Moonsiff worked for a short time only, and the 2nd Moonsiff of Bograh for only four days.
3,451	39,906	·4	37,11,522 15 10	4,22,417 10 1	2,423	25,105	228	
205	2,549	·2	2,99,581 0 0	30,974 2 10	70	1,825	6	(e). Kurseong abolished from March 1874.
2,210	24,592	·8	18,79,107 14 3	2,87,683 10 0	1,547	13,811	145	(f). There were two extra Moonsiffs for four months.
1,016	12,374	·5	12,16,698 0 0	1,39,961 15 7	797	13,217	123	
3,508	16,052	·6	18,92,410 0 0	2,20,701 5 1	1,075	14,480	118	(g). Goalundo Court abolished from 31st March 1874.
2,807	10,634	·6	9,41,698 0 0	1,27,265 1 8	667	7,001	37	
395	1,548	·7	1,13,758 0 0	13,076 7 10	79	780	5	
9,935	65,200	·6	60,43,671 14 3	7,88,688 8 2	4,165	49,289	428	
3,541	13,825	1·2	7,42,958 0 0	1,60,275 0 0	1,340	14,615	95	(h). From 1st January to 27th April 1874.
3,050	21,208	·9	57,27,004 2 7	2,47,658 12 7	1,809	18,657	144	(i). Six of these additional Moonsiffs.
6,591	35,033	1·	64,69,962 2 7	4,07,933 12 7	3,149	33,272	239	
1,366	4,151	·2	20,36,594 1 1	1,12,949 0 9	665	3,476	67	
783	2,083	·1	40,19,779 0 0	94,052 12 11	484	3,904	87	
977	4,286	·2	6,93,686 2 11	77,954 7 11	553	4,907	45	
1,171	4,244	·1	27,38,004 0 0	1,53,654 2 0	827	8,005	68	
1,368	3,662	·1	12,44,016 0 0	1,04,272 15 0	687	6,256	51	
5,665	18,426	·1	1,07,32,079 4 0	5,42,883 6 7	3,216	26,548	318	
1,204	9,479	·2	21,45,476 12 4	1,85,382 8 8	1,017	6,105	68	
439	6,051	·3	12,08,291 3 4	67,612 11 7	354	3,963	44	
1,643	15,530	·2	33,53,767 15 8	2,52,995 4 3	1,371	10,068	112	
1,890	5,404	·1	6,45,087 0 0	69,492 4 3	338	4,600	18	
860	4,194	·1	8,44,460 7 7	1,22,868 0 0	336	5,655	30	
44,140	2,91,688	·46	*3,98,99,686 11 11	38,23,723 15 3	21,057	2,45,637	1,855	

and Chota Nagpore rent suits are here excluded.

U.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF AMEENS. 1874-75

DISTRICTS.	PERMANENT AMEENS. Receipts.			PERMANENT AMEENS. Disbursements.			TEMPORARY AMEENS. Receipts.			TEMPORARY AMEENS. Disbursements.			Fees paid for the employment of Moonsiffs as Commissioners.			Number of permanent Ameens with Grades.
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	1stG 2ndG.
Backergunge	3,132	0	0	2,962	7	0	...			...			...			1 and 4
Beerbhoom .	261	0	0	1,717	3	6	...			...			...			1 „ 1
Bhaugulpore	1,512	0	0	1,615	8	0	183	0	0	418	1	11	...			2 „ 0
Burdwan, East	292	15	6	2,045	2	4	...			...			...			0 „ 7*a*
„ West	663	0	0	1,113	5	4	...			...			60	0	0	1 „ 1*b*
Chittagong .	2,624	0	0	2,880	0	0	...			...			...			2 „ 2*c*
Cuttack ...	1,509	0	0	2,040	0	0	...			...			30	0	0	1 „ 2
Dacca	2,906	8	0	2,297	13	9	2,690	0	0	1,765	1	6	20	0	0	2 „ 1
Dinagepore .	1,162	0	0	2,121	8	1	9	0	0	...			20	0	0	1 „ 1
Gya ...	648	0	0	979	0	6	...			...			46	0	6	0 „ 0*d*
Hooghly ...	1,123	2	9	2,415	0	0	...			...			10	0	0	1 „ 1*e*
Jessore	2,536	12	0	2,637	8	4	...			...			80	0	0	1 „ 3*f*
Midnapore .	1,725	0	0	1,854	8	3	...			...			...			1 „ 2*g*
Moorshedabad.	687	0	0	2,040	0	0	...			...			...			1 „ 2
Mymensing .	3,396	0	0	2,880	0	0	...			...			280	0	0	2 „ 2
Nuddea ...	777	0	0	1,800	10	4	...			...			160	0	0	1 „ 2*h*
Patna .	843	0	0	840	0	0	...			...			.			1 „ 0
Purnfah ...	1,076	0	0	1,860	15	6	...			...			...			1 „ 2*i*
Rajshahye...	1,032	0	0	2,411	10	8	...			...			...			1 „ 2*j*
Rungpore ...	1,677	0	0	3,641	6	8	...			...			30	0	0	1 „ 5*k*
Sarun ...	703	8	0	2,610	0	0	...			...			...			...
Shahabad ...	1,902	8	0	1,200	0	0	...			...			...			0 and 2
Sylhet ...	2,124	0	0	1,915	0	6	...			...			...			1 „ 2
Tipperah ...	4,133	0	0	4,000	0	0	471	0	0	569	5	6	60	0	0	1 „ 5
Tirhoot ...	2,263	8	0	2,951	4	8	35	0	0	30	0	0	..			1 „ 4
24-Pergunnahs.	3,120	0	0	3,599	3	2	...			...			20	0	0	2 „ 5*l*
Chota Nagpore.	2,099	4	6	2,640	0	0	...						150	0	0	0 and 4
Cachar ...	825	9	0	840	0	0	...			...			60	0	0	1 „ 0
Cooch Behar	291	0	0	600	0	0	..			...			...			0 „ 1
Total ...	47,045	11	9	62,539	4	7	3,388	0	0	2,782	8	11	1,026	0	6	28 + 63

Add 10 per cent. on account of pensions... ...	6,253	14	5
	68,793	3	0

(*a*) Four Ameens were abolished from October 1874.
(*b*) The services of the 2nd Grade Ameen were dispensed with from 1st November 1874.
(*c*) Ditto ditto 1st April 1874.
(*d*) From 1st April to 18th October 1874 there were two Ameens, but one was discharged on 19th October 1874.
(*e*) The number was reduced on the 1st September 1874 from seven to two.
(*f*) The post of one 2nd Grade Ameen remained vacant during the year.
(*g*) The services of one 2nd Grade Ameen were dispensed with from 7th December 1874.
(*h*) These three Ameens were entertained from 1st April to 18th December 1874, and from 19th December only two Ameens were employed at Rs. 50 each.
(*i*) One 2nd Grade Ameen was abolished on the 14th December 1874.
(*j*) The office of the Pubna Civil Court Ameen was abolished on the 14th November 1874.
(*k*) Two 2nd Grade Ameens have been dispensed with from the 1st of February 1875.
(*l*) Four Ameens have been dispensed with, *viz.*, one from July 1874, one from 1st September, one from January 1875, and the fourth from February 1875.

V.

STATISTICS OF LOCAL INQUIRIES.

Scale of Values.	No.	Aggregate Value.			Average Value.			Aggregate Cost of Local Enquiry.			Average Cost of Local Enquiry.			Average time occupied in enquiry.
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Cases not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	177	694	10	2	3	14	9	1,749	7	3	9	14	1	5¾ days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 20 ...	500	6,384	3	11	12	12	3	4,884	15	6	9	12	3	5¾ days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 50 ...	460	15,912	10	7	34	9	5	5,290	3	5	11	8	0	7½ days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 100...	395	29,333	13	1	74	4	2	5,441	7	1	13	12	4	7¾ days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 500...	567	1,46,992	10	6	259	3	11	10,551	4	2	18	9	8	11 days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 1,000	138	2,88,024	1	6	2,087	2	1	4,902	4	6	35	8	4	15 days.
Exceeding Rs. 1,000 ...	153	8,07,838	12	8½	5,279	15	10	12,408	2	11	81	1	7	20 days.

W.

DETAIL OF COURTS AND ORIGINAL SUITS, WITH COST OF ESTABLISHMENT AND RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF STAMPS AND FEES.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	No. of Suits.	Cost of Establishment.			Stamps and Fees.			Surplus.			Deficit.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Backergunge ...	Small Cause Court	1,051	8,579	4	0	10,084	2	0	1,504	14	0	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	11,192	30,944	13	6	94,832	7	4	63,887	9	10	...		
	Subordinate Judge	131	9,653	12	0	18,995	3	0	9,341	7	0	...		
	Judge ...	...	40,269	2	6	16,050	3	3	...			24,218	15	3
	Additional Judge	...	...			...			...			...		
Beerehoom ...	Moonsiffs ...	3,306	20,331	0	3	31,233	13	3	10,902	13	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	34	...			...			...			...		
	Judge ...	22	41,279	9	3	14,224	6	0	...			27,055	3	3
Bhaugulpore ...	Small Cause Court	3,112	14,247	2	4	32,434	5	7	18,187	3	3	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	6,131	26,902	1	7	73,698	4	9	46,796	3	2	...		
	Subordinate Judge	234	13,601	13	8	52,146	11	1	38,544	13	5	...		
	Judge ...	2	41,924	11	5	27,103	3	3	...			14,821	8	2
Burdwan, East..	Moonsiffs ...	13,861	40,679	9	9	1,36,328	13	7	95,649	3	10	...		
	Subordinate Judge	149	13,925	11	10	27,435	3	0	13,509	7	2	...		
	Judge ...	...	45,357	0	9	17,806	4	0	...			27,550	12	9
Burdwan, West	Moonsiffs ...	4,036	16,705	15	8	28,944	13	6	12,238	13	10	...		
	Subordinate Judge	2	975	15	8	276	13	0	...			699	2	8
	Judge ...	15	33,205	13	10	4,870	6	0	...			28,335	7	10
Chittagong ...	Moonsiffs ...	13,799	64,282	0	0	1,40,596	0	0	76,314	0	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	26	12,565	0	0	3,234	0	0	...			9,331	0	0
	Judge ...	...	34,225	0	0	16,445	0	0	...			17,780	0	0
Cuttack ...	Small Cause Court	1,293	18,231	13	9	21,548	1	3	3,316	3	6	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	4,028	21,997	0	0	27,261	0	0	5,264	0	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	83	8,783	0	0	12,955	0	0	4,172	0	0	...		
	Judge ...	...	44,497	4	4	7,728	3	0	...			36,769	1	4
Dacca ...	Small Cause Court	4,343	14,949	10	1	32,513	5	6	17,563	11	5	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	20,042	56,996	0	5	1,82,544	12	10	1,25,548	12	5	...		
	Subordinate Judge	207	21,140	7	3	54,336	11	8	33,196	4	5	...		
	Additional Judge	...	38,259	5	10	3,084	8	0	...			35,174	13	10
	Judge ...	...	43,348	11	8	15,204	4	0	...			28,144	7	8
Dinagepore ...	Moonsiffs ...	9,449	43,616	5	6	71,552	6	2	27,936	0	8	...		
	Subordinate Judge	53	8,327	7	10	11,100	0	0	2,772	8	2	...		
	Judge ...	13	31,885	10	3	10,260	3	0	...			21,625	7	3
Gya ...	Moonsiffs ...	1,863	15,468	11	6	36,164	14	9	20,696	3	3	...		
	Subordinate Judge	220	12,999	4	10	43,822	7	3	30,823	2	5	...		
	Judge ...	...	40,441	0	2	14,065	6	11	...			26,375	9	3
Hooghly ...	Small Cause Court	2,127	17,718	11	0	15,801	1	0	...			1,917	10	0
	Moonsiffs ...	7,645	38,964	9	0	88,675	8	0	49,710	15	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	141	9,600	2	11	32,572	0	0	22,971	13	1	...		
	Additional Judge	...	19,986	15	3	...			...			19,986	15	3
	Judge ...	...	46,917	5	0	24,170	15	0	...			22,746	6	0
Jessore ...	Small Cause Court	9,920	41,604	0	0	78,914	0	0	37,310	0	0	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	15,847	46,299	0	0	1,52,122	0	0	1,05,823	0	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	85	11,435	0	0	14,437	0	0	3,002	0	0	...		
	Additional Judge	...	27,352	0	0	657	0	0	...			26,695	0	0
	Judge ...	1	47,954	0	0	23,807	0	0	...			24,147	0	0
Midnapore ...	Small Cause Court	923	1,660	14	6	10,877	10	6	9,216	12	0	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	12,742	37,728	10	0	79,758	6	3	42,229	12	3	...		
	Subordinate Judge	149	14,189	5	6	35,168	12	0	20,979	6	6	...		
	Judge ...	...	46,074	12	5	9,397	11	0	...			36,677	1	5
Moorshedabad...	Small Cause Court	618	...			...			...			...		
	Moonsiffs ...	8,173	30,335	0	0	62,235	0	0	31,900	0	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	124	11,354	0	0	32,984	0	0	21,630	0	0	...		
	Judge ...	1	40,473	0	0	11,512	0	0	...			28,961	0	0
Mymensingh ...	Moonsiffs ...	15,951	68,193	2	1	1,67,308	4	1	99,115	2	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	101	22,866	15	11	25,480	0	3	2,613	0	4	...		
	Judge ...	...	43,441	7	3	27,913	0	9	...			15,528	6	6

DETAIL OF COURTS AND ORIGINAL SUITS, WITH COST OF ESTABLISHMENT AND RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF STAMPS AND FEES—*concluded.*

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	No. of Suits.	Cost of Establishment.	Stamps and Fees.	Surplus.	Deficit.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Nuddea ...	Small Cause Court	6,712	22,976 13 6	49,412 8 1	26,435 10 7	...
	Moonsiffs ...	6,518	32 180 7 6	40,156 13 0	7,976 5 6	...
	Subordinate Judge	116	10,133 4 5	23,417 6 10	13,284 2 5	...
	Additional Judge	...	...	...	...	...
	Judge ...	...	44,340 13 5	8,833 10 6	...	35,507 2 11
Patna ...	Small Cause Court	946	2,834 8 6	8,106 1 6	5,271 9 0	...
	Moonsiffs ...	2 994	12,843 12 6	43,399 4 3	30,555 7 9	...
	Subordinate Judge	211	14,057 13 9	45,611 3 0	31,553 5 3	...
	Judge ...	...	38,048 0 0	15,832 8 0	...	22,215 8 0
Purneah ...	Moonsiffs ...	5,963	23 644 5 8	48,803 0 0	25,158 10 4	...
	Subordinate Judge	88	11,453 9 0	8,882 0 0	...	2,571 9 0
	Judge ...	...	42,208 11 6	9,927 11 7	...	32,280 15 11
Rajshahye ...	Small Cause Court	1,441	5,677 7 10	4,574 2 0	...	1,103 5 10
	Moonsiffs	7,939	33,660 8 4	74,920 8 0	41,259 15 8	...
	Subordinate Judge	89	20,030 9 5	20,518 9 0	487 15 7	...
	Judge ...	...	39,413 4 4	9,244 6 0	...	30,168 14 4
Rungpore ...	Moonsiffs ...	11,914	39,549 5 8	91,922 6 11	52,373 1 3	...
	Subordinate Judge	62	9,939 10 1	14,549 9 0	4,609 14 11	...
	Judge ...	...	40,248 7 7	7,044 8 0	...	33,203 15 7
Sarun ...	Small Cause Court	...	...	...	...	...
	Moonsiffs ...	3,472	21,862 13 2	52,301 1 6	30,438 4 4	...
	Subordinate Judge	190	12,020 0 0	36,728 4 3	24,708 4 3	...
	Judge ...	...	43,541 10 9	15,243 9 3	...	28,298 1 6
Shahabad ...	Moonsiffs ..	4,166	20,644 10 0	43,318 7 0	22,673 13 0	...
	Subordinate Judge	120	18,988 8 0	23,284 7 2	4,295 15 2	...
	Judge ...	...	44,135 11 9	11,351 9 9	...	32,784 2 0
Sylhet ...	Moonsiffs ...	10,570	31,810 6 11	1,02,491 13 7	70,681 6 8	...
	Subordinate Judge	64	12,204 2 3	12,441 2 1	236 15 10	...
	Judge ...	...	43,066 6 9	12,332 2 0	...	30,734 4 9
Tipperah ...	Moonsiffs ...	21,074	1,38,144 14 2	2,01,352 11 4	1,09,513 14 5	...
	Subordinate Judge	134		29,082 11 3		
	Judge ...	...		17,223 6 0		
Tirhoot ...	Moonsiffs ...	3,824	26,441 14 0	60 242 9 0	33,800 11 0	...
	Subordinate Judge	420	16,245 2 3	73,303 13 0	57,058 10 9	...
	Additional Judge	...	28,944 0 0	1,132 0 0	...	27,812 0 0
	Judge ...	...	47,708 9 3	18,975 12 0	...	28,732 13 3
24-Pergunnahs	Small Cause Court	3,906	15,861 0 0	23,631 0 0	7,770 0 0	...
	Moonsiffs ...	16,972	56,910 0 0	1,30,232 0 0	73,322 0 0	...
	Subordinate Judge	216	21,228 0 0	43,617 0 0	22,389 0 0	...
	Additional Judge	...	40,713 0 0	1,069 0 0	...	39,644 0 0
	Judge ...	1	52,944 0 0	37,622 0 0	...	15,322 0 0
	Total ...	2,83,397	26,91,202 12 6	36,56,805 4 7	18,00,522 5 7	8,34,919 13 6
Cooch Behar ...	Small Cause Court	932	...	...	...	...
	Moonsiffs ...	1,582	30,718 12 9	23,662 11 10	...	7,056 0 11
	Subordinate Judge	35	65,742 0 0	5,919 15 0	...	59,822 1 0
	Judge ...	...	33,761 0 0	1,391 8 0	...	32,369 8 0
Chota Nagpore	Moonsiffs ...	3,969	53,608 0 0	47,902 0 0	...	5,706 0 0
	Subordinate Judge	225	92,059 0 0	67,123 0 0	...	24,936 0 0
	Judge ..	...	39,049 0 0	7,843 0 0	...	31,206 0 0
Cachar ...	Moonsiffs ...	1,540	18,131 4 8	12,692 1 2	...	5,439 3 6
	Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...
	Judge ...	8	21,575 15 4	384 6 8	...	21,191 8 8
	Total ...	8,291	3,54,645 0 9	1,66,918 10 8	...	1,87,726 6 1
	Grand Total ..	2,91,688	30,45,847 13 3	38,23,723 15 3	18,00,522 5 7	10,22,646 3 7

STATEMENT OF BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT FORT WILLIAM IN BENGAL, IN THE YEAR 1874.

(APPELLATE SIDE.)

	Remaining from 1873.	Filed in 1874.	Disposed of in 1874.	Days of sittings, with number of Judges.			
				Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Other Judges
I.—REGULAR APPEALS	346	348	313				
References to the Full Bench ...	1	1	2				
Appeals to the Court at large under Section 15 of the Letters Patent ...	1	... ...	1				
Reviews	... ...	... ...	.....				
II.—SPECIAL APPEALS	2,207	3,225	2,844				
References to the Full Bench ...	2	7	7				
Appeals to the Court at large under Section 15 of the Letters Patent ...	4	83	78				
Reviews	2	9	5				
III.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS { Regular ...	90	352	215				
Special ...	63	183	168				
References to the Full Bench ...	... ...	2	2	259			
Appeals to the Court at large under Section 15 of the Letters Patent ...	... ...	5	3				
Reviews	.....	1	1				
IV.—REFERENCES UNDER MOFUSSIL SMALL CAUSE COURT ACTS ...	8	11	16				
V.—DIVORCE CASES	... ...	2	2				
VI.—APPEALS ... } from British Burma	2	3	2				
REFERENCES ... } from British Burma	... ...	1	1				
VII.—CRIMINAL CASES REQUIRING CONFIRMATION, INCLUDING THOSE APPEALED OR REVISED, &c. ...	151	1,368	1,444				
VIII.—MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS IN COURT ...	220	2,110	2,070				
IX.—MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS OUT OF COURT	.....	*279	279				
TOTAL ...	3,097	7,990	7,453				

Days	Barrister Judges	Civilian Judges	Other Judges
3	4	6	0
1	4	5	1
3	4	5	0
2	4	4	0
37	3	6	1
17	3	6	0
21	3	5	1
13	3	5	0
9	3	4	1
9	3	3	1
1	3	3	0
1	3	2	0
8	2	6	1
11	2	6	0
29	2	5	1
[illegible]	2	5	0
9	2	4	1
3	2	4	0
4	2	3	1
6	2	3	0
4	2	2	0
1	2	1	1
7	2	1	0
2	1	6	0
2	1	5	1
1	1	5	0
1	1	4	0
3	1	3	1
4	1	3	0
1	1	2	1
1	1	2	0
33	1	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	0	2	0
1	0	1	0

* These figures indicate the number of orders passed out of Court on review of periodical returns (Civil and Criminal) and Sessions Statements, but do not include the orders passed on letters and references in the Administrative Department, which are extremely numerous and important, occupying much of the time of one of the Judges, and some of which are further considered by a Committee.

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REPORT

OF

THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL JUSTICE

IN

THE LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL

IN

1875.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

No Report on the working of the High Court in its Original Jurisdiction has ever heretofore been furnished. In Home Department No. 755, dated the 10th May last, the Government of India expressed a desire that such a Report should be submitted. The request came too late to admit of the Report being incorporated in the following pages.

II.—REGULAR COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

From this Report the whole Chief Commissionership of Assam, comprising the Judgeships of Sylhet with Cachar, and the Assam Valley Districts, is now for the first time excluded It will be dealt with separately.

Original cases instituted, disposed of, and pending 1874—1875.

The year 1875 presents again a large increase in the institution of suits, being not only about 44,000 in excess of 1874, but nearly 32,000 over the figures of 1873, which at that time were much the highest on record.

The increase in the number of suits in the Regular Courts is 36,209; in the Small Cause Courts 7,751. The latter will be noticed in the proper place.

See Statement A. **Institutions.**

Of the intermediate falling-off in 1874, no satisfactory explanation can be given; in the opinion of various District Judges it is more or less obscurely connected with the famine, but there the attempt at a solution ends.

The following table shows the districts where the increase is most marked, and the reasons for it suggested by particular Judges:—

District.	*Increase.*	*Reasons.*
Dacca	5,058	... Rent suits increased in certain parts of the district owing to quarrels between zemindars and ryots
Nuddea	3,228	... Increase generally in suits of small value owing to the scarcity of 1874. Increase chiefly in small Rent suits and in S. C. C. suits for small loans.
Rungpore	3,099	... Reaction after the scarcity of 1874.
24-Pergunnahs ...	2,849	... Increase not attributable to any particular causes.
Moorshedabad ...	2,464	. . Reaction after the scarcity of 1874.
Midnapore ...	2,156	... Natural growth of litigation.
East Burdwan... ...	2,096	... The plentiful harvest of 1875 following the scarcity of 1874.
Mymensingh	1,988	... Said to be the result of the scarcity in 1874.
Bhaugulpore	1,864	... Good harvest following scarcity.
Purneah	1,630	... Reaction after the scarcity of 1874. The increase was chiefly in suits of low value.
Cuttack	1,249	... Believed to be due to an increase in trade and other natural causes.
Tirhoot	1,101	... Scarcity in 1874.

It would have been well if, beyond a vague reference to the effects of scarcity, the District Judges had sought more to go below the surface; and the difficulty of founding positive inferences regarding the effect of a time of scarcity on litigation is well illustrated by the following remarks made by the Judge of one of those districts where food was dear and relief measures were in force :—

"The scarcity which is said to have prevailed in the district in 1874 is generally cited, as modifying, in some respects, the institutions of cases. I append a statement of the year before the scarcity year, of that year, and of the following year :—

Class.	Institutions.		
	1873.	1874.	1875.
Small Cause Court Cases	1,332	1,677	1,253
Rent Act Cases	1,639	1,729	1,903
Ordinary Civil Suits	1,213	647	1,157
Total ...	4,184	4,053	4,313

"During the year of scarcity it will be observed that ordinary Civil suits fell about one-half as compared with the year before, and that they rose in the year after to nearly what they were in the year before; while both claims for Rent and Small Cause Court claims were rigorously enforced during the scarcity year. This was to be expected, as much money found its way into the hands of the people by cash payments made by Government for road work, cartage, and the like. Again in 1875, while rents continued to be rigorously enforced at law, Small Cause Court cases fell about one-fourth. The former fact is accounted for by the fact that there was known to be cash in the hands of the people; the second, by the fact that, during the scarcity year, people received grain and money from Government, and therefore had no necessity or less necessity than usual for incurring debt which would lead to suits in 1875."

In no district have the institutions of 1875 fallen below those of 1874.

Disposals.

The number of suits disposed of has risen in the Regular Courts by 31,205 as compared with 1874, and in the Small Cause Courts by 7,550. The total increment 38,755, however, falls short by more than 5,000 suits of the increase in the number of institutions.

The increment is due, in the first instance, to the staff of Extra Moonsiffs, averaging ten in number, who were entertained under the sanction of Government for about six and a half months. They disposed of 3,869 suits. It is also due to the greater efforts of the permanent staff, and also to the fact that a great part of the increase consisted of uncontested suits. Both points will be brought out more fully in another place.

Suits and appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1875.

See Statement B.

As to long pending Original suits the comparison with 1874 is favorable. The results in all the districts are not uniform, but there is a general reduction.

There are only 8 districts, in which the number is over 10, and, regard being had to the state of the files, and also to the fact that the return includes remanded cases, which the mistakes of the Appellate Courts have made much more frequent than they should be, it is hard to attach blame to any of the Courts concerned.

In one district, in particular, that of Rungpore, the reduction of the figure 53 of last year to 6 this year, is particularly gratifying.

The rise in number is most noticeable in the following districts, *viz.* : in Burdwan from 2 to 23, in Rajshahye from 6 to 21, in Chittagong from 3 to 13, and in Shahabad from 5 to 16.

It is only fair, however, to say that business was very seriously affected by the closing of the Courts for a fortnight on account of the Prince of Wales' visit. This indulgence, extending in its terms to all public offices, constrained the Court to authorize the closing of the Civil Courts during the time specified. The close time included the last days of the year, and it is, whether rightly or not, a common practice, and one especially in accordance with the habits of native officers, to work "up to" the end of the last quarter in the year by arranging their work so that the longer pending cases may be brought to a conclusion before the end of December, and also by greatly increased exertions for the last ten or fourteen days of the month.

Number and value of suits instituted, 1869 to 1875.

See Statement C.

In examining the results of the last seven years it is seen that institutions have risen from 112,903 in 1869, to 278,391 in 1875, and the value of the suits from 239 lakhs to 404½ lakhs of rupees.

Classification of ditto.

See Statement D.

There are, as usual, considerable variations in the value figures of the different districts, as compared with last year. Tipperah, last year much the highest, from the presence of one suit which was valued at 44 lakhs, has fallen from 57 to 20 lakhs, and Gya, where the suits (2,168) are in number as 1 to 10 in Tipperah, is now highest with 37 lakhs as against 40 in 1874.

The average value of a suit last year in the Gya district was thus Rs. 1,735, in Tipperah Rs. 89. These figures bring out, in an extreme degree, what is nevertheless a striking and permanent difference between the litigation of the east and the west, *viz.*, the relatively small amounts that are the subject of suits in Bengal proper as compared with Behar. From the Statement submitted it will be found that, while in the five districts of the Dacca Division the average value of a suit is but Rs. 94, in the five Behar districts it is Rs. 477. The results alter little from year to year; for 1874 the figures were Rs. 155 and Rs. 614 respectively, and for 1873 Rs. 108 and Rs. 507. The Behar suits are naturally, as noticed in former years, much the most keenly contested.

It is only, however, such broad general features that can be trusted in comparing the values of suits brought, and it is always to be borne in mind that the disparity in value of suits is so enormous that the accident of one or two very heavy ones is a disturbing cause affecting averages in a degree such as to make them almost useless.

The table which last year gave the number and value of suits, including Small Cause Courts, under Rs. 1,000 since 1871, is reproduced with the addition of the past year's figures.

		1871	1872	1873	1874	1875
Number	...	262,422	285,035	314,090	286,942	317,239
Value	Rs.	1,47,68,080	1,66,76,157	1,80,25,628	2,13,91,993	1,78,51,890

The general result is not far removed from that of 1873.

To prevent mistake, it must be again noted that the comparison between the amount of work in the Civil Courts during the past year and that five years ago, is not so striking as it was when years preceding 1870 came into the comparison, as Rent suits came over to the Civil Courts in 1869. The ratio of increase from 1869 is therefore subjoined. It is no less than 150 per cent.

The increase from 1871 to 1875 alone is in round numbers from 200,000 to 275,000 suits. As noted last year, the increase and decrease in certain districts have been affected, in addition to the growth or decay of litigation, by modification of their territorial area. One district, that of Dacca, has felt this influence alternately in the way of enlargement and of contraction. In November 1873 it was extended by the transfer of Madaripore from Backergunge; but in 1875, it was cut in two by the establishment of the separate Judgeship of Furreedpore, which division took place from 1st August. But for

this change, the Dacca District for 1875 would have exhibited the unprecedented number of 33,590 suits instituted in a single Judgeship.

It will be useful to group again together in order the districts with more than 10,000 suits.

In all Courts, i. e., including Small Cause Courts.		*In the Regular Civil Courts, i. e., excluding Small Cause Courts.*	
Dacca	29,650	Dacca	24,157
Jessore	27,905	Tipperah	22,570
24-Pergunnahs	23,944	24-Pergunnahs	19,451
Tipperah	22,570	Mymensingh	18,040
Mymensingh	18,040	Jessore	16,396
Nuddea	16,574	East Burdwan	16,106
East Burdwan	16,106	Midnapore	15,147
Midnapore	15,970	Rungpore	15,075
Rungpore	15,075	Chittagong	12,992
Chittagong	12,992	Dinagepore	12,103
Hooghly	12,625	Backergunge	11,301
Backergunge	12,466	Moorshedabad	11,103
Dinagepore	12,103		
Moorshedabad	11,380		
Bhaugulpore	11,343		
Rajshahye	10,124		

The remark made last year is again true, that the addition of S. C. C. class suits raises Nuddea most, more than doubling its total. Hooghly from the same cause rises by 3,000 suits, and Rajshahye also just rises into the list of districts with more than 10,000 suits of all sorts.

All the other districts, except Bhaugulpore, appear in both lists.

On this occasion Dacca heads both lists, rising from second place last year, notwithstanding that it wants the 4,000 suits which are now credited separately to Furreedpore for the last five months of the year.

Gya again appears with by far the fewest suits, but they include two of great importance and intricacy. They relate to the Tikari Raj, and, to quote the Judge, "cover claims for upwards of 50,00,000 rupees."

The total number of suits in the different classes during the last three years are as follows :—

	1873.	1874.	1875.
S. C. C. class	1,44,308	1,38,274	1,69,138
Rent	1,01,600	1,00,007	1,16,581
Other	45,485	40,633	37,147

The rise in suits of the Small Cause Court class and Rent class, looking to the history of litigation in Bengal, can hardly be called other than normal. The steady decrease in other suits, showing as it does the gradual settlement of rights that is taking place, is striking and satisfactory.

The following are the districts in which the largest numbers of the different classes of suits are brought :—

Small Cause Court class.

Cases of the Small Cause Court class occur in greatest number in—

		1875.	1874.
1.	Dacca	18,650	15,324
2.	Jessore	13,518	11,749
3.	Mymensingh	12,453	10,097
4.	24-Pergunnahs	12,030	10,488
5.	Nuddea	10,309	8,339
6.	Rungpore	10,232	7,787
7.	Tipperah	9,581	7,925
8.	Dinagepore	8,567	7,247
9.	Midnapore	7,398	6,622
10.	Burdwan, East	6,294	5,771

Of these Dacca and Rungpore have made the largest advance.

The districts with most Rent suits are these— **Rent Suits.**

	1875.	1874.
1. Jessore	12,280	12,062
2. Tipperah	10,302	10,233
3. 24-Pergunnahs	9,688	8,634
4. Dacca	8,148	7,058
5. Backergunge	7,626	7,608
6. Burdwan, East	7,356	5,343
7 Midnapore	6,879	5,386
8. Hooghly	5,516	4,041
9. Moorshedabad	5,198	3,340
10. Nuddea	5,092	3,986
11. Chittagong	5,043	6,044

The first three stand as they have done for three years past. The increase is most marked in East Burdwan, Moorshedabad and Hooghly.

A similar list follows for "Other" suits— **Other cases.**

	1875.	1874.
1. Chittagong	3,359	3,541
2. Dacca	2,852	2,210
3. Tipperah	2,687	3,050
4. East Burdwan	2,456	2,896
5. Mymensingh	2,421	3,510
6. 24-Pergunnahs	2,226	1,973
7. Jessore	2,107	2,042
8. Cuttack	2,009	1,890
9. Midnapore	1,693	1,806
10. Bhaugulpore	1,376	866
11. Hooghly	1,366	1,357

Chittagong still stands first in this class of cases; but the average value is known to be very small. Dacca shews an increase of a marked character.

The next Statement shows the proportion per cent. which the different classes of suits have borne to each other during the last three years :— **Proportion between the classes of suits for last three years.**

	Totals. 1873.	Totals, 1874.	Totals, 1875.	Per-centage, 1873.	Per-centage, 1874.	Per-centage, 1875.
Suits for money, &c.	128,504	116,304	125,075	47·996	45·734	44·927
Rent suits	103,667	101,146	116,585	38 720	39·774	41·878
Suits for immovable property	24,998	28,506	28,428	9 335	11 209	10·212
Suits for specific performance of contract .	2,146	1,206	1.034	·814	·479	·371
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	3.241	3,296	3,214	1·208	1·296	1·155
Suits to declare and establish personal rights...	2,154	1,430	1,348	·804	·562	·484
Suits for an account ...	978	692	769	·365	·272	·276
Suits relating to religious endowments ...	43	67	58	·016	·026	·020
Suits to set aside judgments, &c. ...	543	486	730	·200	·191	·262
Suits for dissolution of marriage ...	85	79	62	·031	·031	·022
Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	702	551	410	·262	·216	·147
Suits for partition ...	492	413	569	·183	·162	·203
Suits relating to shipping ...	3	...	...	·001	·000	·000
Suits relating to religion and caste ..	179	129	109	·065	·048	·038
TOTAL ...	267,735	254,306	278,391	100	100	100

Detailed criticism is useless, and the figures lose much of their importance as to the smaller sub-divisions of suits, because of the want of skill commonly displayed, and the voluntary mistakes occasionally made, in drawing plaints, the nature of the suit being often misrepresented, and the relief asked for misconceived; the following remarks are therefore in some degree hypothetical.

The districts in which suits for money of the Small Cause Court class and Rent suits are most numerous have already been noticed.

Suits for possession of immovable property are still as a rule most numerous in the eastern districts, *e.g.*, Chittagong, Dacca, Tipperah and Mymensingh, but East Burdwan has on this occasion to be added. In each of these **Other cases where most numerous.**

districts they exceed 2,000. They were nearly as numerous in Jessore and 24-Pergunnahs.

Suits for specific performance of contracts were most common in Shahabad (which last year followed Cuttack), where 198 were instituted. Sarun comes next with 189, then Purneah 155. The total in this class shows a decrease of about a tenth as compared with last year.

Suits to declare and establish rights to real property were mostly brought in Bhaugulpore (497). There is a drop of more than 200 suits to Tirhoot, which comes next with 292 suits.

Suits regarding personal rights preponderated during 1875 in Chittagong, where 246 were filed. Jessore, last year first, follows with 188, then Tipperah 170, Hooghly 144, East Burdwan 103. This class did not reach a hundred in any of the other districts.

Suits for an account were most common in Patna and Mymensingh, where they exceeded a hundred; there were none in Purneah and Cuttack.

Suits relating to religious endowments continue few. They only reached the number 15 in Bhaugulpore and 14 in Hooghly. There was only one suit of the kind in each of the districts of Beerbhoom, Sarun and Tirhoot, and none at all in 16 districts, *viz.*, Backergunge, West Burdwan, Cuttack, Dinagepore, Gya, Jessore, Moorshedabad, Mymensingh, Patna, Purneah, Rajshahye, Rungpore, Shahabad, Furreedpore, Chota Nagpore, and Cooch Behar.

Suits to set aside judgments or contracts on the ground of fraud were in 1875 chiefly instituted in Midnapore, where 161 institutions appear. Tirhoot, last year first with 64, is now only second with more than twice the number, *viz.*, 147.

Suits for dissolution of marriage were, as usual, most numerous in Tipperah, where however they were only 38 in number as against 54 last year. There were 6 in 24-Pergunnahs, 5 in Chittagong and 4 in Backergunge, and these numbers, with one in each of the districts of Beerbhoom, East Burdwan, Jessore, Mymensingh, Nuddea, Rajshahye, Tirhoot and Cooch Behar, make up the whole number of such suits.

Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights occurred most frequently in Chittagong, which takes the place of Sylhet with 80 suits. It is, as before the case that they are still most numerous in districts where the population is chiefly Mahomedan, *viz*:—

In Backergunge	64
„ Dacca	64
„ Tipperah	54

But in this, as in the preceding class, it is satisfactory to find marked decrease.

Suits for partition, which this year show a considerable rise, reached the greatest number in Mymensingh, where 136 were instituted. Last year the 24-Pergunnahs district was first, with only 69 suits. There were again none in Bhaugulpore, Purneah and Rungpore, nor were there any in Furreedpore and Cooch Behar.

There were no cases relating to shipping.

Nuddea, as usual, stands first in suits relating to religion and caste with 32 institutions. This number, however, shows a falling-off of one-third as compared with 1874, a result which need not be regretted, as such matters are best settled out of Court. But some of the more remote districts show larger numbers, *e. g.*, Rungpore with 20 suits and Dinagepore with 18. There were still however none at all in a good many (twelve) districts.

Suits how disposed of.
See Statement E.

The number of suits disposed of has risen from 293,961 in 1874 to 320,888 during 1875. The additional Moonsiffs have here to be taken into account, but it must be said that in several of the heaviest districts the Judges have made special and honourable mention of the way in which the permanent Moonsiffs have worked. For example, the Judge of Backergunge says:—

"I think it only fair to them to place on record that no efforts have been spared on their part to keep down their files. Men who work as a rule from 11 A. M. till dark and even by candle-light in their Courts, and give their mornings to their accounts and to writing judgments, may fairly be said to have done their best."

This testimony is specially creditable to the Backergunge staff, as the officers work generally under the disadvantage of bad stations in a climate which is not liked. But similar remarks might be quoted from other District Reports.

It is no doubt true that as a rule, and up to a certain point, the more business the Courts have before them the more do they actually accomplish. But it seems right here to state plainly the Court's opinion that, speaking generally for the whole Province, that limit has for some time been reached. This has been proved in many ways, by the constantly and regularly recurring necessity for temporary establishments in districts where, as in Backergunge, the permanent staff does its utmost, by the breaking-down of over-worked officers, by the evidence of the District Judges, and by other clear indications. In last year's report the need of a permanent strengthening of the Moonsiff staff was in fact dwelt upon.

The Court has been induced, by the unsettled condition of things as shown in the figures of 1874 and 1875, to defer making any proposition of a permanent character, but as, after the temporary check of 1874, the course of increase previously observed appears to have been resumed, this will no longer be delayed.

Comparison of disposals for five years.

The comparison of the 1875 figures with those of preceding years is continued as to the manner of disposal, Assam being throughout excluded.

	Withdrawn, compromised, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.
1871	81,869	92,873	73,217	2,47,959
1872	92,480	98,444	80,251	2,71,175
1873	99,746	1,09,484	91,314	3,00,544
1874	98,600	98,432	85,101	2,82,133
1875	1,14,047	1,18,061	88,780	3,20,888

The only notable point about last year's figures as compared with those of preceding years is that there is a decrease in the proportion of contested cases, which may however be in part accounted for by the probability that a large number of such cases were among those unexpectedly left pending at the close of the year.

This result to a certain extent goes to show that there is a growing tendency to use the Courts, so to speak, for the registration of debts. This is probably more particularly true of Rent suits, and the Judge of Backergunge cites an instance in his district, where a large zemindar is said practically to collect his rents through the Courts. The Judge's attention has been directed to the means of checking this by a judicious dealing with costs.

The attention of the Courts generally will be called to the subject.

Contested cases.

The districts where the number of contested cases exceed 5,000 are the following:—

	1874.	1875.
Jessore	8,083	7,897
Tipperah	7,132	7,592
Dacca	6,585	6,641
24-Pergunnahs	6,191	6,030
Mymensingh	4,303	5,074
Chittagong	5,264	5,056

The likeness to previous results that comes out in so many places reappears here. The districts are the same, and in the same order as last year, except that Mymensingh rises into the class with a considerable increase.

It will also be noticed that, notwithstanding the large increases in the number of suits brought, the number of those contested remains as a rule very nearly the same. Behar again, excluding Purneah, shows a much higher ratio of contested suits than the rest of the Province, the proportions being about one-third in the former and one-fourth in the latter; and Gya is again distinguished even among Behar districts by having five suits contested in every eleven, or very nearly one-half. But Chittagong comes remarkably close with

almost two-fifths of its suits contested. The proportion in the case of Chittagong was last year only five-fourteenths; but, with this one exception, the results which have been remarked upon are exceedingly like those of 1874. Beerbhoom is also distinguished in this way among Bengal districts.

It may perhaps be suggested that, as the proportion of contested cases is less, the principal increment being in cases withdrawn, compromised, &c., some deduction ought to be made from the apparent growth of business; it must be observed however that the *number* of contested cases is little less than it was in 1874, and the cases not contested do constitute a real, though not equally important, addition to the work done; but, besides that, a great deal of the time of all Courts is taken up in matters relating to execution, and these may be just as troublesome in an undefended suit as in another. Moreover, of the cases decided *ex parte*, or on default, not a few re-appear (as is shown in a separate Statement) in the shape of an application under Section 119, Code of Civil Procedure.

A Statement has been again prepared and is annexed, showing the results as they affected plaintiffs adversely or favourably—

Detail of mode of disposal.

Comparative Statement shewing the mode of disposal of Original Suits during the years 1873, 1874, 1875.

All Courts.			Mode of disposal.	Small Cause Courts.		
1873.	1874.	1875.		1873.	1874.	1875
1,191	903	844	Plaints rejected, &c.	*	*	*
20,587	20,113	21,706	Default	5,246	3,897	4,938
6,176	5,612	6,612	Withdrawn	920	986	1,025
25,942	19,803	20,931	Dismissed *ex parte*	1,434	982	546
31,799	28 382	26,524	Dismissed on trial	3,043	2,675	2,777
85,695	74,763	76,617	Plaintiff loses	10,643	8,522	9,286
30,393	29,054	32,369	Compromised	4,574	3,429	5,085
49,313	47,397	52,799	Confession	11,045	10,813	12,674
90,547	82,903	97,322	Decree *ex parte*	9,753	8,607	11,304
66,351	60,574	62,449	Decree on trial	6,414	6,287	6,651
2,06,214	1,90,874	2,12,570	Plaintiff wins	27,212	25,707	30 629
30,393	29,054	32,369	Add compromised	4,574	3,429	5,085
2,36,607	2,19,928	2,44,939	... .	31,786	29,136	35,714

* There is no heading to show "Plaints rejected" in the Small Cause Court Forms at present in use.

There is a little to say as regards this Statement, the main results of 1875 continuing very similar to those of past years

Applications, &c., to set aside an ex parte judgment or a judgment on default.
See Statement E.

There is a continuing decrease in the number of applications made under Section 119 both in Moonsiffs' and in Sub-Judges' Courts. In the former they have fallen from 7,728 to 7,248, and in the latter from 253 to 212. Further, while in the Moonsiffs' Courts about one-half were granted in 1874, 38 per cent. only had to be granted in 1875. In the Sub-Judges' Courts, however, two-fifths of the applications were granted against about one-third in 1874.

In Small Cause Courts the whole number of applications has naturally increased with the whole number of suits, but the number granted has been reduced from 54 to 42 per cent., which is satisfactory. The whole number of such applications made to Judges being but 7, of which 2 were granted, no remarks need be made. But the general improvement which was looked for has, it will be seen, taken place to some extent.

The classified values of the suits disposed of are, as on former occasions, given here for the last four years :— **Values.**

	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Not exceeding Rs. 5	31,763	34,458	29,600	33,825
" " 20	84,337	93,870	85,518	95,376
" " 100	1,29 755	1,40.773	1,31,825	1,45.269
" " 500	35,260	40,118	35,935	38,253
" " 1,000	3,920	4,859	4,064	4,516
" " 5,000	2,676	3,228	3,026	2,996
" " 10,000	436	423	421	408
" " 1,00,000	258	267	285	245
Exceeding " 1,00,000	32	22	20	12
TOTAL ..	2,89,637	3,18,018	2,90,694	3,20,900

As has been already indicated, the increase is in the lower value suits, *i. e.*, in suits not exceeding Rs. 1,000. The number of suits whose value is above that limit has decreased from 3,940 in 1873, and 3,752 in 1874, to 3,661 in the year under review. In the suits of greatest value over Rs. 10,000 and over a lakh, the proportionate decrease is far the greatest. It is by no means unlikely that this feature will come out more markedly in each succeeding year, as skill in bringing test suits so as to avoid high institution fees is undoubtedly growing, and attempts to evade payments of the proper stamp are not unfrequent, parties for instance often seeking, and frequently with success, to have suits entertained as suits for a declaratory decree with stamp of Rs. 10 (Art. 17 iii., Schedule II, Court Fees Act), when in fact much more than a declaration is sought.

This provides a financial argument in favour of levying Court fees on a radically different plan from the present one of a heavy *ad valorem* institution fee on the plaint. There are other arguments, but a discussion of the subject would be out of place here.

The execution of decrees has fallen off slightly, as was to be expected after a year like 1874, when the litigation had decreased. The results and those of the two previous years are as follows :— **Decrees executed.** *See Statement G.*

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realized. Rs.	A.	P.
1873	65,567	1,40,907	1,12,86,732	12	3½
1874	63,380	1,26,201	1,21,66,380	7	0
1875	60,291	1,10,999	1,19,87,061	15	7

The districts in which the realizations were greatest, are—

	Rs.	A.	P.
24-Pergunnahs	12,75,507	0	0
Bhaugulpore	10,94,429	2	8
Tirhoot	10,76,067	0	0

Sarun comes next with 7½ lakhs, then East Burdwan with 6½; but little can be said as regards variations under this head.

The districts showing the greatest number of execution cases are—

	No.
Dacca	13,950
Jessore	13,451
Tipperah	12,890
Mymensingh	12,873
Chittagong	11,803

The 24-Pergunnahs has dropped out of the list, the only change in this respect as compared with 1874; yet, as has been stated, that is the district where the largest amount has been realized in execution. But such variations depend upon accidental causes.

There are in the Moonsiffs' Courts (allowing for Sylhet) twelve hundred more decrees satisfied without execution than in 1874, and this is a favourable feature. There is, however, a decrease in all the other classes of Courts, and the amounts realized are throughout less. **Decrees satisfied without execution.** *See Statement H.*

The number of such cases has risen in the Moonsiffs' Courts from less than 8,000 in 1873 to 10,500 in 1875, and in the Courts of Small Cause Court Judges from 1,778 to 2,447 for the same years. This rise is marked, and so long as it is maintained in the Courts where the lowest value suits are brought, it matters less what variations take place in the others—where it is a matter of greater indifference to the parties, whether or not further cost and trouble are incurred in securing the benefit of a decree.

Some further particulars regarding execution cases will be found in Judicial Statement No. 10.

Attachment of the person.

It was noted last year that the number of cases of imprisonment of the debtor had fallen from 7,611 in 1873 to 4,237 in 1874. The fall continues, the number for 1875 being 3,075. This result, if purely voluntary, would be more clearly satisfactory than it is. It is, however, greatly due to the higher fee levied on process of this character. The District Judges have in many cases remarked upon this, and opinion is naturally a good deal divided upon the question. It is now under the consideration of the Court, along with others connected with the working of the Rules under the Court Fees Act. This will shortly form the subject of a special report to Government.

The other statistics of processes in execution may be again grouped together, in conjunction with those of the two preceding years.

		Movables		Immovables.		Orders under Section 243, C. C. P.
		Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	
1873	...	56,532	18,770	44,774	14,524	518
1874	...	49,027	16,754	43,290	13,615	340
1875	...	45,849	16,364	46,284	16,287	253

The decrease in the number of cases where movable property was attached is observable; the increase in the number where immovable property was dealt with is perhaps a natural counter-balance.

The continued decrease in the number of estates brought under management is a matter which calls for some remark. The provision of law (Section 243, C. C. P.) is of a decidedly beneficent character. There can be no doubt that great injury is done to litigants and to judgment-debtors in particular, by ill-considered proceedings of the Courts in execution, valuable property being often ordered to be sold in satisfaction of an insignificant claim, when the sale of a small part would have sufficed, or where the debtor might have been released from his liabilities by placing his estate for a time under judicious management. If, therefore, the Courts resorted largely to this power for the purpose of benefiting the judgment-debtor, and worked it so as to do justice to both parties, it would be a source of great satisfaction. But in point of fact there is much reason to think that the power when exercised is apt to be abused, and in one district, in Behar, where the Section was frequently put in force a few years ago, it was ascertained by the inquiries of one of the Judges that it was used mainly for purposes of nepotism, relations and dependants of the Sub-Judges being placed in charge of the estates to be administered, though quite unfit for the duty, and the matter ending in advantage to nobody but the person in management. It is not therefore certain whether the diminished resort to this Section is to be lamented or not.

Original Miscellaneous cases.
See Statement I.

The decrease in Miscellaneous cases naturally follows that in the number of decrees executed. The decrease in the number left pending at the end of the year is a good feature.

Average duration of cases.
See Statement Q.

A good deal of care has been given to the "average duration" figures, and it is thought that on this occasion a considerable amount of dependence may be placed upon them. The whole number of cases, and of days spent upon them, have been obtained from the District Courts and are set forth in the Statement, the average *per* case being shown in a second set of figures.

The figures vary of course markedly in different cases, and the causes are as various. They do not require to be dwelt upon, unless it be to say that, as the duration of a case remanded is counted from the date of the institution of the suit, the figures in many cases are greatly increased in this way. In fact

most of the longest cases are to be so accounted for. The general average duration may be reproduced here.

	District Judges.		Sub-Judges.		Moonsiffs.		S. C. Ct. Judges.	
	m.	d.	m.	d.	m.	d.	m.	d.
Contested ...	7	14	5	19	2	22	—	23
Uncontested ...	4	6	2	16	1	21	—	18

These figures, though doubtless capable of reduction, are not, it is thought, extraordinarily high. In the case of the Small Cause Courts they show that the chief object of the Courts is maintained, the average duration of a suit being about as low as it could safely be.

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

Small Cause Courts. *See Statements* O, *and* OO.

The work of the Small Cause Courts is shown in detail in one Statement and compared with that of the preceding year in another.

The Goalundo and Kurseong Courts, which were in existence during the first quarter of 1874, have disappeared entirely from the returns of 1875.

It is necessary to reproduce the memoranda of last year as to the different classes of Judges—

1. Those who are entirely devoted to Small Cause Court work are the Judges of Magoorah, &c., Jessore, Sealdah, Kishnaghur, &c., Kooshtea, &c., Dacca and Moonsheegunge.

2. Judges, who also help as Subordinate Judges, are those of the Hooghly group, and of Bhaugulpore *cum* Monghyr.

3. The rest are Subordinate Judges whose Small Cause Court functions are secondary, excepting the Subordinate Judge of Furreedpore, whose duties as Small Cause Court Judge there and at Bhangah are more nearly equal to his other duties.

The work of the heaviest Courts is shown below for the last three years—

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Magoorah, &c.	6,112	5,684	6,699
Kooshtea, &c.	4,269	3,935	5,262
Jessore	4,940	4,236	4,810
Kishnaghur, &c.	3,451	3,788	4,771
Dacca and Moonsheegunge	2,498	2,410	4,340
Sealdah	3,558	3,681	4,264
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr	3,645	3,112	3,768
Hooghly, &c.	2,671	2,127	2,967
Furreedpore and Bhangah	2,957	1,955	1,991

The Magoorah Circle stands in its usual place at the head of the list, the work having increased by more than a thousand suits as compared with 1874 and more than 500 as compared even with 1873. It is more than 1,400 suits greater than that of the next Judgeship, and when it is remembered that there are three Courts in the Circle about thirty miles distant from each other, and that the journeys between have to be made by boat, the amount of work done must be considered very creditable to the presiding Judge (Mr. J. Weston). The Kooshtea Circle takes second place from Jessore, with an increase of 1,300 suits as compared with 1874; the Kishnaghur Circle and Dacca Courts follow with a rise of 1,000 and 1,900 suits respectively. But it will be seen that there is a considerable increase in every case, except Furreedpore and Bhangah, where it is inconsiderable. The cause of this exception is, as noted last year, the fact that the Moonsiff at Bhangah now exercises powers of a Small Cause Court Judge in cases up to Rs. 50.

The chief causes of the increase, assigned by the Judges of the Courts, are,—the fact of 1875 having been a better year than 1874; a growing tendency of both creditors and debtors to use these Courts for the settlement of their transactions; changes of jurisdiction, and the natural growth of litigation with increasing trade and prosperity.

The results,—as regards manner of disposal,—remain very much the same, and, though they vary in different Courts, it is unnecessary to set forth those variations here. As regards the gross results, it will be noticed that the in-increased number of disposals is almost wholly spread over the heads other than "Contested" where the increase is not large, and that under the head of "Judg-

ment for Defendant" there is a decrease of about 45 per cent. This last is owing to the disappearance of the large number of suits which in former years used to be shown wrongly (*vide* former Reports) as disposed of in this way in the Furreedpore and Bhangah Courts.

The number of cases pending at the end of the year is higher than before owing to the more numerous institutions, but out of the 2,533 suits so left pending there were only six cases pending more than six weeks. Three of these were pending in the Darjeeling Court,—one of the lightest-worked Courts in the Province,—but one where the association of executive with judicial powers in the person of the Judge is found not to conduce to the expeditious disposal of judicial business.

Moonsiffs with S. C. C. powers.

During 1875, the number of Moonsiffs vested with powers of a Small Cause Court Judge up to Rs. 50 has been somewhat increased, as the District Judges are unanimous in considering that the system works well. This opinion may, however, be taken with some qualification, as it is perhaps a little affected by the circumstance that the exercise of these powers relieves the District Appellate Courts, *pro tanto*, of petty cases. It is evident that every Moonsiff cannot be trusted with them, and that they are much less needed in purely rural Moonsiffees than in towns or the neighbourhood of places of trade.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

IV.—THE HIGH COURT.

This subject is divisible into two heads :—

First.—Appeals under Section 15, Letters Patent, from decisions passed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction, or in appeal by a single Judge, or where the Judges composing the Division Bench are equally divided in opinion.

Appeals arising within the High Court.

Second.—Appeals, Regular, Special and Miscellaneous, from the Courts in the Mofussil.

First.—In the course of 1875, 57 appeals were preferred from the decisions of Judges exercising Original Jurisdiction, and 11 were pending at the close of 1874, making a total of 68 appeals for disposal during the year. Of these, 45 were heard and 12 otherwise disposed of.

Of the appeals heard and determined, in 17 the judgment complained of was reversed or varied.

In the same year, 121 appeals were preferred against judgments passed in appeal by single Judges (cases in which the sum or value did not exceed Rs. 50), or against judgments of a Senior Judge overruling a Junior. Of these 70 were heard, with the result that in five cases the judgments were reversed or varied, and that five were remanded.

This branch of the Court's business is increasing largely, there having been 88 such appeals in 1874. The retention of it is of highly doubtful value, as the appeals are rarely sustained by Counsel or Pleaders of real eminence or ability, and they are usually frivolous. But the value being small, and the Court-fee consequently trifling, there is nothing to deter litigious or obstinate suitors.

Second.—The business which falls under the second head is shown fully in Statement X, and exhibits in most respects a diminution as compared with that of the year before.

Appeals from the Mofussil Courts.

See Statement X.

	1874.	1875.
Filed	535	400
Decided ...	383	485

In what are called Miscellaneous appeals, that is to say, those which are not either first or second appeals in Regular suits, there has been an increase in the number decided, though the number filed has not been nearly so large.

The Miscellaneous orders made in Court and out of Court are also slightly in excess, namely,

In 1874 2,349
" 1875 2,470

But in the most important particulars, *viz.*, the Regular and Special appeals, and the Criminal cases coming before the Court, there has been some falling off in institutions, and a still larger falling off in decisions, the figures being as shown in the margin. One reason for the falling off was that from the departure of Sir Richard Couch to Baroda in February, till the arrival of the present Chief Justice in the end of June, the Court had the services of one Barrister Judge less than its complement; also in the latter part of the year some of the Judges were absent on leave.

	Filed.		Decided.	
	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
Regular Appeals ..	348	329	313	266
Special Appeals ...	3,225	2,966	2,844	2,326
Criminal cases ...	1,368	1,159	1,444	1,154

The annexed tables shew the figures for the successive years from 1872 to 1875 inclusive, and the number of Judges present at the commencement of each month during the last three years :—

Appeals filed and disposed of, 1872-75.

	Filed.				Disposed of.			
	1872.	1873	1874.	1875.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875
I.—Regular Appeals ...	290	327	348	329	204	271	313	266
References to the Full Bench .	3	1	1	...	3	..	2	..
Appeals to Court at large (Section 15 of Letters Patent)	...	1	...	...	1	..	1	...
Reviews	4	2	...	..	6	3	...	...
II.—Special Appeals .	1,985	3,024	3,225	2,966	1,100	2,453	2,844	2,326
References to the Full Bench	3	7	7	5	...	8	7	6
Appeals to Court at large	1	19	83	121	1	15	78	70
Reviews ...	9	2	9	11	17	2	5	14
III.—Miscellaneous—								
Regular Appeals ...	218	237	352	265	189	250	215	357
Special . .	129	168	183	135	154	121	168	128
References to the Full Bench	1	2	2	..	1	2	2	...
Appeals to Court at large	1	2	5	...	1	2	3	2
Reviews	8	2	1	.	8	2	1	...
VII.—Criminal cases ..	1,277	1,229	1,368	1,159	1,218	1,211	1,444	1,154

Number of Judges present on the 1st of each month.

Number of Judges present, 1873-75.

	1873.				1874				1875.			
	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian	Other.	Total	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.
January ...	5	4	1	10	5	6	...	11	5	6	1	12
February .	5	4	1	10	5	6	...	11	5a	6	1	12
March ..	5	5	1	11	5	6	...	11	4	6	1	11
April ...	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11
May ..	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11
June ...	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12	4b	6	1	11
July ..	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11
August .	5	5	1	11	4	5	1	10	4	6	1	11
September .	5	5	1	11	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10
October ...	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12	4	5	1	10
November ...	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12	4	5	1	10
December ..	5	6	...	11	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11

a Sir Richard Couch left on the 13th of this month. b Sir Richard Garth took his seat on the 29th of this month

State of Files. 1862-75.

The following Statement will shew the state of the appeal files of the High Court from year to year since its constitution.

Number of Civil Appeals pending at the close of the year. 1862-75.

	Regular.	Special.	Miscellaneous.		Regular.	Special.	Miscellaneous
1862 ...	1,146	4,382	312	1869 ...	223	1,324	201
1863 ...	487	2,927	403	1870 ...	202	1,433	168
1864 ...	340	2,104	216	1871 ...	204	751	115
1865 ...	252	1,325	257	*1872 ...	290	1,636	119
1866 ...	338	1,471	278	1873	346	2,207	153
1867 ...	348	2,369	296	1874 ...	381	2,588	305
1868 ...	219	1,733	173	1875 ...	444	3,228	220

These figures appear to indicate the necessity of adding to the numerical strength of the Court, unless a reduction of its business is to be speedily effected in some other way.

It may be useful or interesting to note those divisions of the Courts' jurisdiction from which larger or smaller portions of its business come.

Districts and Divisions from which Appeals came.
See Statement Y.

Statement Y, accordingly, shows the number of appeals and cases of each kind coming from the various districts grouped into Commissioners' Divisions, and these figures furnish a mode of estimating the importance of the Original business of the different districts which is by no means always in accordance with its extent in point of mere numbers.

Result of Appeals.
See Statement Z.

And Statement Z shows the general result in each class of appeals and in the revision of Criminal orders or sentences.

V.—APPELLATE COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

There is a falling off on the whole of about 500 in the number of appeals instituted in 1875 as compared with 1874. This may be in part accounted for by the smaller number of original suits in 1874, and partly by the increased number of Moonsiffs who had powers of a Small Cause Court Judge in suits up to Rs. 50. **Appeals.** *See Statement J.* **Instituted.**

The decrease is not general, for in some districts there is a rise—those in which the fall is most marked are Rajshahye, with about 400 appeals less, and 24-Pergunnahs with 300 less. It was noted last year that the increase in the case of the former district was owing to the rent disputes in Pubna; the only possible explanation of the decrease in the other district is that referred to in the end of the preceding paragraph. No particular reason can be assigned for decrease in suits of other classes. With the two exceptions noted, the lower figures call for no remark.

The principal instances of increase are—

Midnapore	108
Rungpore	138
Bhaugulpore	299

The increase in the first two districts seems to be due to the natural growth of litigation; as regards Bhaugulpore, it was observed that last year the number of appeals was abnormally low. There had been 1,351 appeals instituted in 1873.

If the result be in any respect due to reaction after scarcity, it is difficult to account for the converse state of things in Tirhoot, where appeals were lower in 1875 than in 1874.

There is a difference of nine only in the whole number of appeals disposed of as compared with 1874, but the variations in the District figures are nevertheless in several cases remarkable. **Disposed of.**

There is a rise in Burdwan of 327, owing chiefly to the presence of a 2nd Sub-Judge for a good part of the year; and there is a drop of almost the same number in the 24-Pergunnahs, where there was less to do, and consequently less done by the Subordinate Appellate Courts. There is a fall of not less than 600 appeals disposed of in Rungpore, owing chiefly to the District Judge being too fully occupied with his criminal work, and to the constant illness of the Native Sub-Judges employed there, a matter which causes serious embarrassment while the Courts have so much business.

As already stated, the Court has addressed Government upon this subject, with a proposal for the relief of this difficult district.

There is a decrease of nearly 400 appeals in Dacca, but it will be seen that the total number of appeals pending has only increased by 125, the fact being that the whole results are affected by the separation of Furreedpore. Backergunge is the most notable instance of satisfactory results during the year, the appeals disposed of rising from 530 in 1874, to 1,355 in 1875, and the number pending having fallen from 739 to 205.*

The only other case which calls for notice is Chittagong, where the disposals have risen from 810 to 1,158, the number pending, however, also rising by 237. But this latter fact is fully accounted for by the illness of both Sub-Judges at the close of the year.

In Sarun there is an improvement in both "disposed of" and "pending" of about 200, while Chota Nagpore shews an increase in institutions which has not been accompanied by a corresponding number of decisions.

There is, however, a decrease in the whole number pending of about 300, and although there are cases where pending files could have been reduced by greater energy, taking the result altogether, it cannot be said to be unsatisfactory. **Pending.**

The same can hardly, however, be said of the long-pending appeals, *i. e.*, those pending over a year—the number of which has risen from 194 at the end of 1874, to 392 at the end of 1875. A considerable proportion of these would, it is believed, have been got rid of in the last week of the year but for the sudden *See Statement B.*

closing of the Courts. The rise in some districts is further capable of explanation, as in Midnapore and Gya, where, for the time at least, the strength of the Appellate Courts is unequal to the work they are called on to get through. The same excuse must be allowed for Rungpore, where also, as in Chittagong, consideration must be given to bad climate, and the necessity for frequent changes of officers.

On the other hand, the decreases in the long pending cases both in Nuddea and Sarun are satisfactory features; also the fact that three-fourths of the whole number pending are in four districts only; while there is always this to to be said, that the trouble and expense to every one concerned is ordinarily much less great in the case of pending appeals than in that of original suits similarly circumstanced.

Districts where appeals were most numerous.

The districts in which the largest number of appeals were instituted and disposed of may be grouped together, taking in each case those in which the figures exceed 1,000.

Instituted.		*Disposed of.*	
Tipperah ...	... 1,702	Tipperah ...	... 1,887
Dacca ...	... 1,485	Backergunge ...	... 1,355
Chittagong ...	... 1,348	24-Pergunnahs ...	... 1,330
Bhaugulpore ...	... 1,316	Dacca ...	... 1,226
Mymensingh ...	... 1,124	Bhaugulpore ...	... 1,165
24-Pergunnahs ...	... 1,082	Chittagong ...	... 1,158
		Mymensingh ...	... 1,092
		Jessore ...	... 1,072

There are two districts fewer in the first set, the Jessore institutions having fallen to 931, and those of Rajshahye so low as 674. As explained last year, however, the lower figure is more a normal one than the higher.

In the second set, Backergunge appears and takes second place; Chittagong also returns to near its former place. Rajshahye has dropped below the thousand but is not far off with 975, Sarun being, it may be noted, the only other district which rises above 900 in the number of its disposals. With these changes the districts continue the same as last year, and substantially the same as in 1873. Tipperah still has first place, and Dacca stands a good way behind, but on the whole second. The only notable changes among these older districts are the fall of the 24-Pergunnahs, and the disappearance of Jessore from the first set, and the subordination of so many of them to Backergunge in the second.

In all these districts, except Jessore, there are two Sub-Judges, and Jessore had for a time an Additional Judge.

Ratio of appeals to decisions.
See Statement K.

The remarks that were last year made under this head are almost literally applicable to the results of 1875. Cooch Behar has again the lowest ratio with 10·84, Moorshedabad being the lowest Regulation district with 11·07. The Dinagepore proportion, 12·48, comes next; Jessore—16·87; Beerbhoom—18·78, and Rungpore—19·66, are the only other districts where the proportion is under 20 per cent.

In the Behar Districts, excluding Purneah, the proportion is as before far the highest, averaging 45·11 (against 44·65 in 1874 and 43·26 in 1873). The average for all the other districts is less than half, being 22·22.

It is not unsatisfactory to find that the ratio over the whole Province is 24·99 against 26·40 in 1874, a fall of very nearly one and a half per cent.

Appeals instituted, 1871 to 1875.
See Statement L.

In Statement L there continues to be shewn the numbers of appeals instituted in each of the last five years, and they are as far as possible divided under the heads of Civil and Revenue, this division being complete for the past year. The proportions are interesting, but do not seem to require detailed review here.

The whole number of appeals in 1875 was about 300 only more than in 1871, or a proportionate increase of 1·39 per cent., but the increase over the figures of 1869, preserved in the last column, is a ratio per cent. of 36·84. It is only fair to the Courts to continue to exhibit this latter ratio, as it shews how much the work of the Appellate Courts has increased, although there has been no addition to their strength.

The following Table gives the results of Statement M for the last three years, leaving appeals "otherwise disposed of" out of account. The ratios are per cent.

Appeals how disposed of. *See Statement* M

	1873	1874	1875
Confirmed...	62·25	62·38	62·42
Modified	7·96	8·11	7·81
Reversed	23·70	23·06	23·72
Remanded	6·09	6·55	6·05
	100·	100·	100·

The results are throughout remarkably similar.

There is a very slight improvement in the number of cases remanded. But orders of this kind have continued in some districts objectionably frequent, and attention has been directed to the fault; for instance, Rajshahye, 11 per cent., Gya and Chota Nagpore, 12 per cent., Cooch Behar, 13⅓, and Tirhoot as much as 15 per cent. The last-mentioned district was in the same position last year.

The district at the other end of the list is again Midnapore, with a fraction over one in the hundred.

The number of orders confirmed is high in Backergunge, 69 per cent., Dacca 68 per cent., Dinagepore 66 per cent., and slightly over the average in some other districts.

Reversals vary from 38 per cent. in Rungpore, and 32 per cent in West Burdwan and Rajshahye, down to 16 and 15 per cent. in Jessore and Dacca. In these two districts, however, the number of decisions modified is large.

There is a slight falling off in the number of Miscellaneous appeals filed, and a large one in the amount of work done, with a corresponding increase in the total left pending. Several of the pending district files are needlessly large, this being a part of their work which Judges are rather apt to overlook.

Miscellaneous appeals. *See Statement* N.

VI.—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE, PERSONNEL, &c.

The amount of work done by the different classes of judicial officers now comes to be noticed, class by class, the first being that of the District Judges.

Work done by District Judges. *See Statement* P 1.

Their work during the last three years is shewn below—

	Days. Civil.	Days. Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions Trials.	Criminal Appeals.
1873 ...	3,993½	2,354½	156	7,111	8,440	1,791	1,438	3,955
1874 ...	3,819½	2,546½	231	9,071	7,892	1,656	1,598	3,373
1875 ...	3,859	2,568½	239	8,479	7,577	1,595	1,379	3,365

The amount of work done will be seen to fall a good deal short of that in 1874. The chief cause of this, *viz.*, the closing of the Courts for a week at the end of the year, has been already referred to. Besides this, several of the District Judges were summoned to Calcutta by order of the Lieutenant Governor and detained there for some days in the first quarter of the year. The decrease in the amount of work done is not therefore surprising.

The largest number of Regular Appeals was again decided by the Judge of Sarun, being 745, the Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs being second with 571; the Judge of Jessore comes next with 525, notwithstanding heavy Sessions work, and of the others, the Judge of Nuddea alone passes 400. The Court must however be understood as not attaching any special importance to mere numerical results.

At the other extreme are to be found Gya with 65, Rajshahye with 42, and Rungpore with 25 only. In the last case there is the counterbalancing feature of 103 Sessions trials, which, with 88 Criminal appeals, lasted through 162 working days; in the case of Rajshahye 203 days were spent over 58 Sessions trials and 159 Criminal appeals. The Judge of Gya similarly shews 46 Sessions trials and 41 Criminal appeals to account for 165 days' work. Both these officers are industrious, but they are known to spend much time over the elaboration of details of little consequence, and they have been advised to adopt a different mode of dealing with their work.

The case of Cooch Behar is special; but Chittagong also shews less than one hundred Regular Appeals disposed of without counterbalancing figures under any of the other heads. It is the presence of such cases as these that goes so far to reduce the whole amount of work done, as it will be seen that even a fair return from these districts would have almost neutralized the effect of the unusual number of close days.

The largest number of Original suits disposed of was at Beerbhoom, where the Judge was obliged occasionally to depute his Subordinate Judge to Burdwan, and was thus of necessity compelled to take up Original work. The same reason did not exist in the case of Dacca, where the Judge has disposed of 35 Original suits. On this subject it is only necessary to refer to the remarks made in last year's Report. The year 1875 was more than half over before the Court's attention was called to the matter, and the Judge was addressed. In future years it will no doubt be found that the Judge has occupied himself more fully with his Appellate work, which has undoubtedly the first claim upon him.

In Bhaugulpore and East Burdwan, the Judges disposed of 18 and 22 Original suits, respectively. These are districts where it is frequently desirable that the Judges should take particular suits. Of the other districts where a good amount of this class of work was done, West Burdwan was without a Subordinate Judge, and Dinagepore had one officer of that class for only a part of the year.

The amount of Criminal work done has been already noticed in the chief instances where it affected the Civil work, *e.g.*, in Rungpore, where there were the heaviest Sessions files in the Province, and in Rajshahye and Gya where the number of days spent on Criminal work was very large, though the amount of work was not unusually so. The same is true of Chittagong, though in a less degree. In short, the only districts besides Rungpore where Sessions work can be said to be heavy are,—Jessore with 93 trials, Chota Nagpore with 80, Tipperah with 79, and Midnapore with 78. The figures under this head are, on the whole, markedly lower than they were in 1874, resulting in a total of 1,379 as against 1,649.

As regards Criminal Appeals, little need be noted. They were heaviest, 276 in number, in the 24-Pergunnahs. Of other districts, they were only numerically heavy in Patna 250, Nuddea 221, and Shahabad 198.

Work done by Additional Judges.
See Statement P2.

The work done by the Additional Judges in each of the last three years is as follows:—

	Days. Civil.	Days. Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions Trials.	Criminal Appeals.
1873 ..	663	294	70	47	1,506	0	197	2
1874 ...	683	221	51	179	1,633	7	167	43
1875 ...	621	199	32	308	1,231	11	130	72

The out-turn of 1875 shews a falling off as compared with the two previous years. The number of days devoted to work was a good deal less than usual owing to more numerous changes in the location of the Judges.

Work done by Subordinate Judges.
See Statement P3.

The amount of work done by the Subordinate Judges during the last three years is given below, Sylhet being excluded from the totals of 1873 and 1874:—

	Suits. Original.	Suits. Miscellaneous.	Appeals. Regular.	Appeals. Miscellaneous
1873	4,520	14,918	11,645	91
1874	4,064	13,885	10,900	127
1875	3,774	13,145	11,773	55

The amount of work done is, on the whole, less, a result brought about mainly like others of the same sort by the Courts being closed longer than usual, and at the busiest time of the year.

There is naturally a good deal of difference in different districts between the amount of work done by individual officers, but there is nothing calling for special note here. The increase in the case of Backergunge is the only very satisfactory feature of the Statement.

Work done by Moonsiffs. *See Statement P 4*

The general remark made in the last paragraph may be repeated with reference to the amount of work done by the Moonsiffs. Considerable differences are naturally observable here also, and this is also true of the average work done in different Districts. But these differences depend on many causes besides the differing energies of individual officers, such, for example, as local characteristics of litigation and of climate, on the amount and kind of supervision which the District Judges are able to give, that an examination which would be of any value would be out of place in this Report. What has been said elsewhere may, however, be repeated here, that most of the Moonsiffs work hard, many of them very hard, and not a few of necessity, at far greater pressure than is fair to them, or desirable in the interests of the administration and of the people. It will not be out of place here to remind Government that the work of the Moonsiffs, like that of all the Subordinate Courts, comes before the Court every quarter in full detail. Some part of it comes up monthly, and there are constant reports with reference to special pressure, change of officers, points noticed by the High Court, and other matters.

As a rule, every Moonsiff's Court and procedure is inspected by the District Judge once a year.

Civil Court Ameens. *See Statement U.*

The control of Civil Court Ameens has been legislatively withdrawn from the High Court, lying now between the Local Government and the District Judges. The subject is one, however, to which the Court has given, and, being still frequently consulted by the District Judges, continues to give attention, and by desire of the Government of India it retains in some sort the financial control. The subject is accordingly referred to here as usual.

Last year it was mentioned as cause of regret that the results were less satisfactory than previously, but the Court expressed its expectation that the pecuniary benefit of action taken by the Court would appear in this year's Report. The result justifies the expectation, the deficit on the working of the regular Ameens having been reduced, when allowance is made for the absence of Sylhet and Cachar, from Rs. 21,666-8-1 to Rs. 6,045-12-11, a sum which is in process of still further reduction and will no doubt soon disappear altogether. The net receipts from temporary Ameens have also been increased by a few hundred rupees, counterbalancing the reduced receipts from the employment of Moonsiffs as Commissioners. This last is a natural result of the Court's action, as it has discouraged Moonsiffs employing themselves in this way when there are eligible Pleaders or other persons about the Courts.

The reduction made can be seen plainly in a comparison of the number on the staff now as compared with what it was at the end of 1874. There are twenty-five first grade Ameens now as against twenty-six, and forty-eight second as against sixty-one.

These are considerable reductions,—the notes to the Statement will shew where and how they have been made. They also shew what further retrenchments have been lately effected or are in contemplation. There seems to be every prospect of a financial equilibrium being reached ere the end of the present year. But this cannot be promised as it might have been had the working of the system continued under the High Court's surveillance. It is hoped, however, that before long it may be found possible to propose and introduce a simple scheme which will supersede the present one with advantage both from the practical and the pecuniary point of view.

Statistics of local inquiries. *See Statement V*

There is but a very slight difference in the number of local inquiries ordered during the year, but there is slight improvement in respect of the average value of the suits in which they were ordered,—that being greater—in their cost which is on the whole less, and their duration which is decidedly so except in the cases of highest value where their cost is of least importance. These slight improvements, especially the last, are some subject for congratulation, but much

remains to be done. It is feared the desired results can never be attained under the present system of Ameens.

Cost of establishments, with receipts on account of Stamp Fees. *See Statements* R, S *and* W.

The cost of establishments, allowing for the absence of Sylhet and Cachar, in the present Statement, remains very nearly the same, but notwithstanding the exclusion of these two districts, the proceeds from Stamp duties amount to about 4 lakhs of rupees more than they were in 1874. At the same time, the deficit shews a more than commensurate improvement also, and the net surplus of 1875 stands at Rs. 12,73,114-6-8 against Rs 7,77,876-2-0, for 1874. The improvement is thus one of five lakhs, or a little more if Sylhet and Cachar be considered.

There is little doubt of the general correctness of this result, considering the increased amount of litigation, and the fact that the new scale of Court Fees had full effect throughout the year.

The improvement is very generally distributed, the most marked case of increase being Jessore, which rises half a lakh of rupees. The most marked case of decrease is 24-Pergunnahs, this result being very mainly due to the Judicial Establishment being charged with the full pay of Mr. Beaufort as Additional Judge, although he did almost no judicial work, being engaged on the Nizamut Commission.

As usual, the Non-Regulation Districts contribute almost the whole deficit, —in fact, rather more than seven-eighths of it.

As regards the other cases of deficit among the Regulation Districts, Beerbhoom, West Burdwan and Cuttack again appear this year, but the amount—they are on the debit side of the account—is much reduced in each case. Purneah and Shahabad disappear from the list, and appear instead each with a considerable surplus.

The deficits in Beerbhoom and West Burdwan are now so small, being under Rs. 2,000 each, that they are not unlikely before another year to disappear, nor is a similar result likely to be far off for Cuttack.

Statement S. shews as usual that, when the amount of the Judge's pay fairly debitable to Criminal justice is deducted, there is a still larger and a steadily increasing surplus to be put to the credit of Civil Courts.

Statistics of the Civil Courts. *See Statement* T.

The statistics of the Province, with reference to the Civil litigation that takes place in it, continue much as before. There are slight changes in the numbers and grades of Courts under the heads of Subordinate Judges and Moonsiffs, but these require no general remark. Other particulars have been already passed in review, the only one that is new being the ratio per cent. of suits to population.

The districts which this year shew the highest proportion are, (1) Dacca, with more than three suits to every two hundred people; (2) Jessore, with over two and a half to the same number; (3) Chittagong, with rather more than one suit per cent. of its population, and (4) the 24-Pergunnahs and Tipperah, each with one suit to every hundred; all the rest are below this proportion, running down to one in every thousand as an average for the Behar Districts and in Chota Nagpore. It was noted last year that the average for the whole Province was, in 1873, one suit for every 214 persons, and in 1874 one for every 211. In the past year it has been higher, being one for every 187 persons.

General financial result.

The amount of Stamp duty and Court fees realized in 1875 has shown an increase commensurate with the renewed growth of litigation, the grand total being a little more than 42 lakhs of rupees, while in 1874 (excluding Sylhet and Cachar) it was under 37 lakhs.

The Court believe it to have been satisfactorily shown in previous years that the Government derived a surplus revenue from the Civil Courts of more than 15 lakhs of rupees in Bengal, and a similar calculation brings the surplus up to 17½ lakhs in 1875.

The attention of the Local Government and of the Government of India has been repeatedly called both to the establishments of the Moonsiffs' Courts as being weak and overworked, and to the structures in which these Courts are held as unsafe and inadequate.

Several of these fabrics have lately been burned down under circumstances which suggest a deliberate purpose of destroying the building for the sake of getting rid of inconvenient papers, a purpose to which the nature of the building lends itself only too readily.

The Court must reiterate the expression of its opinion that, even if the administration of justice were an unremunerative charge upon the State, it would still be the duty of the governing power to provide decent habitations for its Courts, and secure places of deposit for documents which parties are compelled to entrust to the tribunals; but that when litigation yields an abundant surplus over and above the cost of the machinery for disposing of it, then the duty seems to become still more imperative.

Changes in the Subordinate Judicial Service. Retirements, &c.

The following changes occurred in the ranks of the Subordinate Judicial Service in 1875.

The under-mentioned Subordinate Judges and Moonsiffs left the Service.

SUBORDINATE JUDGES.

Died	...	1	Baboo Obhoy Churn Dey.
Retired	...	2	Moulvee Imdad Ally, Moulvee Summeenooddeen Ahmed.

MOONSIFFS.

Died	...	3	Moulvee Ameenoodeen Ahmed. Baboo Baney Madhub Ghose. Baboo Denonath Doss.
Resigned	...	2	Moulvee Dedar Buksh. Baboo Ram Monee Sein.
Retired	...	4	Baboo Shib Pershad Singh. Baboo Kally Churn Chatterjee. Moulvee Sookoor Ally. Moulvee Sukhaoodeen Ahmed.
Dismissed	...	1	Baboo Raj Coomar Moitro.

Promotions to be Subordinate Judges.

The following Moonsiffs were promoted to be Subordinate Judges :—

NAME.	Service.	District to which appointed.	REMARKS.
	Y. M. D.		
Nobin Chunder Gangooly, B. L. ...	11 6 0	Beerbhoom and Burdwan.	Had been previously employed as a Subordinate Judge and now restored.
Bhugwan Chunder Sein	14 11 0	Backergunge ...	
Juggut Chunder Roy	21 3 15	Tipperah ...	Promoted against the recommendation of the Court.
Ram Coomar Pal Chowdhry	14 6 15	Sylhet ...	

Appointment to Substantive Moonsiffships.

The following gentlemen were nominated to permanent Moonsiffships and were accordingly admitted to the Service: it will be observed that no such person had less than four years previous standing at the Bar, and that some had eight or nine years.

It may be confidently stated that the quality of officers in this branch of the public service is year by year improving.

NAME.	Degree or other qualification.	Date of qualification.	District to which appointed.
Behari Lall Mullick	B. L.	10th February 1869 ...	Tipperah.
Shyam Chand Roy	B. L.	8th February 1871 ...	Mymensingh.
Gobind Chunder Bose	Higher grade Pleader	5th May 1870 ...	Ditto.
Prosunno Coomar Ghose ...	B. L.	8th February 1871 ...	Dinajpore.
Radha Churn Roy	Higher grade Pleader	January 1869 ...	Ditto.
Soshee bhusun Sen	B. L.	31st January 1866 ...	Sylhet.
Revati Churn Banerjee	B. L.	8th February 1871 ...	Tipperah.
Tara Prosono Banerjee	B. L.	Ditto ...	Ditto.
Jogendro Nath Roy	L. L.	Ditto ...	Sylhet.
Mohendro Nath Roy	B. L.	Ditto ..	Mymensingh.
Mohendro Nath Mitter	B. L.	2nd February 1870 ...	Chittagong.
Soodhangshoo Roy	L. L	Ditto ...	Mozufferpore.
Girendro Mohun Chuckerbutty ...	M. A. and B. L.	5th February 1868 ...	Furreedpore.

Inspection by the High Court. In the months of September, October and November 1875, one of the Judges made an inspection of the most important Civil Courts in the districts of Dacca, Sylhet, Tipperah, Backergunge, Rajshahye, Darjeeling and Purneah, and a report was submitted by him to his colleagues.

Conclusion. The Court is glad to be able to submit this Report within the first half of the year following that reported on, and, as the information to be submitted by the District Courts is now understood by them, it is hoped that there will be no greater delay in future years. The Judges of the Regulation Districts have as a rule done their best in sending up their returns in time, and the same is possibly true also of the Non-Regulation Districts, though it is with reference to them chiefly that there has been any unpunctuality. Under the circumstances, the Court will refrain from annexing the list shewing when returns were received. It may, however, be explained that calls for information and for correction have had to be made and the results incorporated in this Report up to the time of its going to press.

STATEMENTS.

A.

ORIGINAL CASES INSTITUTED, DISPOSED OF, AND PENDING 1874 AND 1875.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	COURTS.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
BURDWAN	BURDWAN, E.	Reg. ...	14,010	16,106	13,106	15,765	1,727	2,084
	BURDWAN, W.	Reg. ...	4,053	4,313	3,982	4,360	421	443
	BEERBHOOM	Reg. ...	3,362	4,108	3,427	4,057	393	563
	MIDNAPORE	Reg. ...	12,891	15,147	12,595	15,301	1,874	1,914
		S. C. ...	923	823	816	863	62	22
	HOOGHLY ...	Reg. ...	7,786	9,658	7,938	9,406	976	1,362
		S. C. ...	2,127	2,967	2,189	2,862	70	175
		Total ...	45,152	53,122	44,053	52,614	5,523	6,563
PRESIDENCY.	24-PERGUNNAHS.	Reg. ...	17,189	19,451	17,919	19,765	2,123	2,144
		S. C. ...	3,906	4,493	4,054	4,510	197	207
	NUDDEA ...	Reg. ...	6,634	7,905	6,811	8,315	1,573	1,251
		S. C. ...	6,712	8,669	6,563	8,874	650	454
	JESSORE ...	Reg. ...	15,933	16,396	16,014	16,714	1,651	1,762
		S. C. ...	9,920	11,509	9,904	11,314	345	540
	MOORSHEDABAD.	Reg. ...	8,298	11,103	8,616	10,875	862	1,196
		S. C. ...	618	277	706	273	5	9
		Total ...	69,210	79,803	70,587	80,640	7,406	7,563
RAJSHAHYE, AND COOCH BEHAR.	DINAGEPORE	Reg. ...	9,515	12,103	9,522	12,127	905	997
	RAJSHAHYE	Reg. ...	8,058	8,304	9,044	8,184	988	1,333
		S. C. ...	1,441	1,820	1,453	1,818	113	115
	RUNGPORE ...	Reg. ...	11,976	15,075	11,741	15,475	2,766	2,648
		Total ...	30,990	37,302	31,760	37,604	4,772	5,093
	COOCH BEHAR.	Reg. ...	1,617	1,703	1,643	1,694	414	430
		S. C. ...	932	631	972	637	35	29
		Total ...	2,549	2,334	2,615	2,331	449	459
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	Reg. ...	20,249	24,157	20,070	23,301	3,157	2,596
		S. C. ...	4,343	5,493	4,521	5,740	297	327
	FURREEDPORE.	Reg. ...	...	3,379	...	3,300	...	1,633
		S. C. ...	...	561	...	495	...	146
	BACKERGUNGE.	Reg. ...	11,323	11,301	11,559	10,902	1,249	1,912
		S. C. ...	1,051	1,165	1,070	1,153	39	51
	MYMENSING...	Reg. ...	16,052	18,040	15,861	17,858	2,086	2,491
	TIPPERAH ...	Reg. ...	21,208	22,570	21,625	22,412	3,013	3,644
		Total ...	74,226	86,666	74,706	85,161	9,841	12,800
CHITTAGONG.	CHITTAGONG...	Reg. ...	13,825	12,992	14,102	12,816	1,695	2,248
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	Reg. ...	3,205	3,375	3,147	3,210	716	985
		S. C. ...	946	909	942	917	73	65
	GYA ...	Reg. ...	2,083	2,168	2,230	2,125	350	471
	SHAHABAD ...	Reg. ...	4,286	4,745	4,270	4,314	792	1,397
	TIRHOOT ...	Reg. ...	4,244	5,345	4,805	5,014	921	1,456
	SARUN ...	Reg. ...	3,662	4,392	3,791	4,234	421	747
		Total ...	18,426	20,934	19,185	19,814	3,273	5,121
BHAUGULPORE.	BHAUGULPORE.	Reg. ...	6,367	7,575	6,536	7,504	671	810
		S. C. ...	3,112	3,768	3,022	3,630	238	374
	PURNEAH ...	Reg. ...	6,051	7,681	5,817	7,841	846	825
		Total ...	15,530	19,024	15,375	18,975	1,755	2,009
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK ...	Reg. ...	4,111	4,663	4,237	4,447	600	850
		S. C. ...	1,293	1,990	1,277	1,953	57	109
		Total ...	5,404	6,653	5,514	6,400	657	959
CHOTA NAGPORE.	CHOTA NAGPORE.	Reg. ...	4,194	4,636	4,236	4,533	574	678
	Total ...	Reg. ...	2,42,182	2,78,391	2,44,644	2,75,849	33,764	40,870
		S. C. ...	37,324	45,075	37,489	45,039	2,181	2,623
	Grand Total ...		2,79,506	3,23,466	2,82,133	3,20,888	35,945	43,493

B.

SUITS AND APPEALS PENDING MORE THAN ONE YEAR AT THE CLOSE OF 1874 AND 1875.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	1874.		1875.		REMARKS.
		SUITS.	APPEALS.	SUITS.	APPEALS.	
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST	2	2	23	1	
	BURDWAN, WEST	..	...	1	...	
	BEERBHOOM ...	...	...	1	...	
	MIDNAPORE ...	4	16	...	63	
	HOOGHLY ...	1	1	1	6	
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS	11	...	2	1	
	NUDDEA ...	28	32	16	6	
	JESSORE ...	2	...	...	1	
	MOORSHEDABAD	...	...	...	...	
RAJSHAHYE, AND COOCH BEHAR ...	DINAGEPORE ..	4	4	3	...	
	RAJSHAHYE ...	6	6	21	20	
	RUNGPORE ...	53	2	6	25	
	COOCH BEHAR	23	...	23	...	
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	6	...	6	6	
	FURREEDPORE...	...	...	6	1	
	BACKERGUNGE	...	8	3	...	
	MYMENSINGH	10	27	11	91	
	TIPPERAH ...	34	13	18	3	
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG ...	3	...	13	70	
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	4	7	9	5	
	GYA ...	1	2	7	74	
	SHAHABAD ...	5	7	16	2	
	TIRHOOT ...	19	6	8	7	
	SARUN ...	6	54	2	9	
BHAUGULPORE	BHAUGULPORE	8	5	2	1	
	PURNEAH ...	3	2	...	...	
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK ...	2	...	4	...	
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE	...	...	2	...	
	Total ...	235	194	204	392	

C.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF SUITS INSTITUTED 1871—75.

DISTRICT.	VALUE IN 1871.	NUMBER IN 1871.	NUMBER IN 1872.	NUMBER IN 1873.	NUMBER IN 1874.	NUMBER IN 1875.	VALUE IN 1875.
	Rs.						Rs.
BACKERGUNGE ...	12,35,499	10,326	11,691	12,119	11,323	11,301	10,28,613
BEERBHOOM ...	6,77,964	5,676	4,599	3,702	3,362	4,108	5,34,327
BHAUGULPORE ...	33,70,662	5,833	6,912	7,536	6,367	7,575	31,25,078
BURDWAN, EAST ...	7,96,960	9,573	10,636	13,466	14,010	16,106	30,86,931
„ WEST ...	3,20,447	5,112	4,851	4,184	4,053	4,313	2,74,809
CHITTAGONG ...	8,77,898	14,309	14,455	14,714	13,825	12,992	9,59,983
CUTTACK ...	6,18,146	3,325	3,804	4,578	4,111	4,663	10,84,023
DACCA ...	14,06,419	12,107	14,947	18,084	20,249	24,157	18,89,178
DINAGEPORE ...	6,96,347	8,432	10,244	10,775	9,515	12,103	10,12,550
FURREEDPORE ...	...	...	...	...	...	3,379	1,78,744
GYA ...	13,05,031	1,953	1,986	1,956	2,083	2,168	37,62,858
HOOGHLY ...	32,40,757	10,541	9,467	8,223	7,786	9,658	12,27,363
JESSORE ...	7,59,154	12,419	14,361	16,254	15,933	16,396	12,24,669
MIDNAPORE ...	12,30,470	7,382	9,126	11,113	12,891	15,147	15,62,051
MOORSHEDABAD ...	14,28,521	6,171	7,422	9,106	8,298	11,103	13,26,136
MYMENSINGH ...	18,08,288	14,113	15,449	16,680	16,052	18,040	23,82,534
NUDDEA ...	7,17,002	5,067	5,579	6,261	6,634	7,905	7,71,399
PATNA ..	9,05,552	2,241	2,554	3,637	3,205	3,375	14,66,869
PURNEAH ...	9,78,352	5,457	5,090	5,861	6,051	7,681	8,30,610
RAJSHAHYE ...	5,96,299	5,295	5,996	7,351	8,058	8,304	9,55,921
RUNGPORE ...	9,47,704	9,511	11,872	12,851	11,976	15,075	11,77,415
SARUN ...	17,72,545	3,226	3,842	4,340	3,662	4,392	16,08,241
SHAHABAD ...	6,90,533	3,839	4,747	4,053	4,286	4,745	10,31,052
TIPPERAH ...	13,01,298	19,894	21,728	23,454	21,208	22,570	20,20,930
TIRHOOT ...	27,66,739	3,818	4,723	5,441	4,244	5,345	16,90,832
24-PERGUNNAHS ...	18,68,116	15,412	15,108	16,720	17,189	19,451	28,07,244
CHOTA NAGPORE...	8,37,760	3,927	3,959	4,012	4,194	4,636	12,02,297
COOCH BEHAR ...	2,51,099	1,571	1,364	1,395	1,617	1,703	2,34,827
Total of Regn. Provinces ...	**3,23,16,703**	**2,01,032**	**2,21,189**	**2,42,519**	**2,36,371**	**2,72,052**	**3,90,20,350**
Total of Non-Regn. Provinces ...	**10,88,859**	**5,498**	**5,323**	**5,407**	**5,811**	**6,339**	**14,37,124**
Grand Total ...	**3,34,05,562**	**2,06,530**	**2,26,512**	**2,47,926**	**2,42,182**	**2,78,391**	**4,04,57,474**

D.

CLASSIFICATION OF SUITS INSTITUTED, 1871—1875.

(With ratio of increase from 1869.)

REGULAR CIVIL COURTS, *i. e.*, EXCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

		Institutions for 1871.		Institutions for 1872.		Institutions for 1873.		Institutions for 1874.		Institutions for 1875.		Ratio of Increase from 1869 to 1875.
Backergunge.	S. C. C. class	3,168		3,755		3,675		2,700		2,663		
	Rent suits	6,482		7,325		7,680		7,608		7,626		
	Other cases	676		611		794		1,015		1,012		
			10,326		11,691		12,149		11,323		11,301	255·82
Beerbhoom	S. C. C. class	2,833		2,148		1,676		1,421		1,785		
	Rent suits	1,920		1,624		1,066		1,072		1,568		
	Other cases	923		827		960		869		755		
			5,676		4,599		3,702		3,362		4,108	13·01
Bhaugulpore.	S. C. C. class	2,567		3,030		1,936		2,685		2,571		
	Rent suits	2,614		3,254		3,563		2,816		3,628		
	Other cases	652		628		2,037		866		1,376		
			5,833		6,912		7,536		6,367		7,575	88·38
Burdwan, East.	S. C. C. class	4,344		5,558		5,022		5,771		6,294		
	Rent suits	3,569		3,383		4,852		5,343		7,356		
	Other cases	1,660		1,695		3,592		2,896		2,456		
			9,573		10,636		13,466		14,010		16,106	185·26
Burdwan, West.	S. C. C. class	1,834		1,804		1,332		1,020		1,253		
	Rent suits	1,888		1,859		1,639		1,706		1,903		
	Other cases	1,390		1,188		1,213		1,327		1,157		
			5,112		4,851		4,184		4,053		4,313	43·57
Chittagong	S. C. C. class	5,757		5,324		4,556		4,240		4,590		
	Rent suits	5,189		5,287		5,951		6,044		5,043		
	Other cases	3,363		3,844		4,207		3,541		3,359		
			14,309		14,455		14,714		13,825		12,992	56·36
Cuttack. ...	S. C. C. class	2,441		2,879		2,611		2,221		2,654		
	Rent suits	...		...		...		...		...		
	Other cases	884		925		1,967		1,890		2,009		
			3,325		3,804		4,578		4,111		4,663	18·65
Dacca ...	S. C. C. class	5,444		6,730		9,482		10,981		13,157		
	Rent suits	5,202		6,489		6,696		7,058		8,148		
	Other cases	1,461		1,728		1,906		2,210		2,852		
			12,107		14,947		18,084		20 ,49		24,157	293·82
Dinagepore	S. C. C. class	6,196		8,021		7,207		7,247		8,567		
	Rent suits	1,586		1,449		2,077		1,655		2,779		
	Other cases	650		574		1,491		613		757		
			8,432		10,044		10,775		9,515		12,103	76·55
Furreedpore.	S. C. C. class	...		...		...		...		1,805		
	Rent suits	...		...		...		...		1,286		
	Other cases	...		...		...		...		288		
			...		...		...		...		3,379	...
Gya ...	S. C. C. class	1,043		937		659		722		1,171		
	Rent suits	439		540		465		578		548		
	Other cases	471		509		832		783		449		
			1,953		1,986		1,956		2,083		2,168	74·97
Hooghly ...	S. C. C. class	3,907		3,454		2,998		2,388		2,776		
	Rent suits	4,998		4,891		3,152		4,041		5,516		
	Other cases	1,636		1,121		2,073		1,357		1,366		
			10,541		9,466		8,223		7,786		9,658	82·77
Jessore ...	S. C. C. class	1,816		1,885		1,802		1,829		2,009		
	Rent suits	9,465		10,961		12,801		12,062		12,280		
	Other cases	1,138		1,515		1,651		2,042		2,107		
			12,419		14,361		16,254		15,933		16,396	716·12
Midnapore	S. C. C. class	2,984		3,237		4,255		5,699		6,675		
	Rent suits	3,275		4,820		5,021		5,386		6,879		
	Other cases	1,123		1,069		1,867		1,806		1,693		
			7,382		9,126		11,143		12,891		15,147	349·86
Moorshedabad.	S. C. C. class	3,887		4,269		4,814		4,179		4,977		
	Rent suits	1,859		2,573		3,608		3,340		5,198		
	Other cases	425		580		684		779		928		
			6,171		7,422		9,106		8,298		11,103	194·19
Mymensingh	S. C. C. class	10,228		11,564		11,336		10,097		12,453		
	Rent suits	2,353		2,201		2,244		2,445		3,166		
	Other cases	1,532		1,684		3,100		3,510		2,421		
			14,113		15,449		16,680		16,052		18,040	62·21
Nuddea ...	S. C. C. class	347		506		621		1,627		1,640		
	Rent suits	3 683		4,157		4,670		3,986		5,092		
	Other cases	1,037		916		970		1,021		1,173		
			5,067		5,579		6,261		6,634		7,905	668·22
Patna ...	S. C. C. class	918		827		408		357		743		
	Rent suits	968		1,284		2,035		1,482		1,766		
	Other cases	355		453		1,194		1,366		866		
			2,241		2,564		3,637		3,205		3,375	297·99

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		Institutions for 1871.		Institutions for 1872.		Institutions for 1873.		Institutions for 1874.		Institutions for 1875.		Ratio of Increase from 1869 to 1875.
Purneah ...	S. C. C. class	2,915		3,101		3,241		2,842		3,500		
	Rent suits	2,150		1,564		2,085		2,770		3,724		
	Other cases	392		425		535		439		457		
			5,457		5,090		5,861		6,051		7,681	84·06
Rajshahye	S. C. C. class	3,320		3,490		3,403		3,072		5,243		
	Rent suits	1,411		1,888		2,588		3,811		2,533		
	Other cases	564		618		1,360		1,175		528		
			5,295		5,996		7,351		8,058		8,304	150·42
Rungpore ...	S. C. C. class	6,207		7,940		7,990		7,787		10,232		
	Rent suits	2,778		3,160		3,517		3,305		4,236		
	Other cases	526		772		1,344		884		607		
			9,511		11,872		12,851		11,976		15,075	130·96
Sarun ...	S. C. C. class	1,187		1,397		1,084		914		1,627		
	Rent suits	1,380		1,686		1,874		1,380		2,010		
	Other cases	659		759		1,382		1,368		755		
			3,226		3,842		4,340		3,662		4,392	142·65
Shahabad ...	S. C. C. class	525		774		814		1,407		1,426		
	Rent suits	2,178		2,622		1,897		1,902		2,348		
	Other cases	1,136		1,351		1,342		977		971		
			3,839		4,747		4,053		4,286		4,745	224·33
Tipperah ...	S. C. C. class	8,565		9,472		8,377		7,925		9,581		
	Rent suits	9,519		10,106		11,673		10,233		10,302		
	Other cases	1,810		2,150		3,404		3,050		2,687		
			19,894		21,728		23,454		21,208		22,570	132·70
Tirhoot ...	S. C. C. class	1,225		1,223		1,596		1,851		2,267		
	Rent suits	1,456		2,029		2,097		1,222		1,958		
	Other cases	1,137		1,471		1,748		1,171		1,120		
			3,818		4,723		5,441		4,244		5,345	178·82
24-Pergunnahs.	S. C. C. class	5,334		5,738		5,591		6,582		7,537		
	Rent suits	8,083		7,637		8,349		8,634		9,688		
	Other cases	1,995		1,733		2,780		1,973		2,226		
			15,412		15,108		16,720		17,189		19,451	203·96
Chota Nagpore.	S. C. C. class	3,301		3,422		3,325		3,542		3,765		
	Rent suits	...		...		...		...		...		
	Other cases	626		537		687		652		871		
			3,927		3,959		4,012		4,194		4,636	20·63
Cooch Behar.	S. C. C. class	1,359		1,167		1,030		1,412		1,502		
	Rent suits	...		...		...		...		...		
	Other cases	212		197		365		205		201		
			1,571		1,364		1,395		1,617		1,703	354·13
Grand Total.	S. C. C. class	93,652		1,03,652		1,00,841		1,02,518		1,24,363		
	Rent suits	84,445		92,789		1,01,600		99,879		1,16,581		
	Other cases	28,433		29,880		45,485		39,785		37,447		
			2,06,530		2,26,321		2,47,926		2,42,182		2,78,391	146·58
Total of Regulation Districts.	S. C. C. class	88,992		99,063		96,486		97,564		1,19,096		
	Rent suits	84,445		92,789		1,01,600		99,879		1,16,581		
	Other cases	27,595		29,146		44,433		38,928		36,375		
			2,01,032		2,20,998		2,42,519		2,36,371		2,72,052	150·31
Total of Non-Regulation Districts.	S. C. C. class	4,660		4,589		4,355		4,954		5,267		
	Rent suits	...		...		...		...		...		
	Other cases	838		734		1,052		857		1,072		
			5,498		5,323		5,407		5,811		[illegible]339	50·26

E.

SUITS HOW DISPOSED OF.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	WITHDRAWN, COMPROMISED, CONFESSED, &C.	DECIDED EX PARTE.	CONTESTED (BOTH PARTIES PRESENT).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	6,112	5,466	4,187	15,765
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	2,272	1,073	1,015	4,360
	BEERBHOOM ...	1,476	979	1,602	4,057
	MIDNAPORE ...	7,677	4,849	3,638	16,164
	HOOGHLY ...	4,913	4,291	3,064	12,268
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	9,654	8,591	6,030	24,275
	NUDDEA ...	8,633	3,950	4,606	17,189
	JESSORE ...	10,533	9,598	7,897	28,028
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	3,720	4,469	2,959	11,148
RAJSHAHYE, AND COOCH BEHAR...	DINAGEPORE ...	3,342	5,572	3,213	12,127
	RAJSHAHYE ...	3,866	3,693	2,443	10,002
	RUNGPORE ...	3,027	8,868	3,580	15,475
	COOCH BEHAR ...	698	995	638	2,331
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	8,049	14,351	6,641	29,041
	FURREEDPORE ...	1,028	1,834	933	3,795
	BACKERGUNGE ...	2,959	5,774	3,322	12,055
	MYMENSINGH ...	3,358	9,426	5,074	17,858
	TIPPERAH ...	7,332	7,488	7,592	22,412
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG ...	5,038	2,722	5,056	12,816
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	1,496	914	1,717	4,127
	GYA ...	690	473	962	2,125
	SHAHABAD ...	1,818	1,160	1,336	4,314
	SARUN ...	1,679	1,131	1,424	4,234
	TIRHOOT ...	1,970	1,376	1,668	5,014
BHAUGULPORE ...	BHAUGULPORE ...	4,387	3,316	3,431	11,134
	PURNEAH ...	2,690	3,223	1,928	7,841
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK ...	3,608	1,375	1,417	6,400
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	2,022	1,104	1,407	4,533
	Total ...	1,14,047	1,18,061	88,780	3,20,888

F.

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 119, ACT VIII OF 1859, FOR AN ORDER TO SET ASIDE AN EX-PARTE JUDGMENT, OR A JUDGMENT ON DEFAULT.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFS.							SUB-JUDGES.							SMALL CAUSE COURTS.							JUDGES.						
	To set aside Ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside Ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside Ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside Ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Backergunge ...	454	72	526	138	291	429	97	3	...	3	...	3	3	...	35	30	65	29	34	63	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom ...	123	15	138	60	58	118	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	5	1	4	5	...
Bhaugulpore ...	90	27	117	14	85	99	18	8	4	12	6	6	12	...	58	40	98	43	55	98	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, East ...	343	131	474	128	259	387	87	11	4	15	6	8	14	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, West ...	67	64	131	21	60	84	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong ...	305	125	430	128	226	354	76	2	1	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack ...	23	52	75	29	35	64	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	9	8	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca ...	319	105	424	150	176	326	94*	8	...	8	3	4	7	1	72	47	119	47	46	93	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore ...	84	49	133	51	62	113	20	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	1	2	...
Furreedpore ...	180	31	211	55	48	103	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	13	21	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya ...	78	7	85	17	61	78	7	7	...	7	2	3	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly ...	220	45	265	78	135	213	52	7	5	12	7	4	11	1	10	...	10	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore ...	524	182	706	225	363	588	118	2	...	2	1	1	2	...	244	129	373	222	109	331	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore ...	251	167	418	127	207	334	84	4	...	4	2	2	4	...	18	7	25	12	13	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	131	106	237	90	114	204	33	6	...	6	1	4	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensing ...	244	47	291	69	166	235	56	20	...	20	12	4	16	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea ...	152	95	247	58	92	150	97	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	67	90	157	33	73	106	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna ...	69	72	141	25	72	97	44	17	3	20	4	7	11	9	6	1	7	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah ...	125	83	208	72	109	181	27	5	...	5	...	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye ...	220	10	230	76	127	203	27	23	...	23	...	21	21	2	34	9	43	6	26	32	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore ...	192	142	334	90	134	224	110	3	17	20	17	1	18	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun ...	82	53	135	72	25	97	38	5	...	5	1	3	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad ...	78	97	175	79	67	146	29	9	1	10	3	6	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah ...	229	134	363	110	132	272	91	3	1	4	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot ...	106	10	116	15	64	79	37	14	...	14	1	10	11	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24 Pergunnahs ...	475	102	577	200	321	521	56	5	...	5	2	3	5	...	43	7	50	15	33	48	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore ...	21	11	32	9	18	27	5	10	2	12	2	10	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cooch Behar ...	17	12	29	6	14	20	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	5	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	5,202	2,046	7,248	2,225	3,521	5,746	1,498	174	38	212	73	107	180	32	607	375	982	416	400	816	166	4	3	7	2	5	7	...

* Not including 4 applications transferred to the Moonsiff of Mulfutgunge.

G.

DECREES EXECUTED.

DISTRICT.	1875.				
	Completely.	Partially.	Amount realized.		
			Rs.	A.	P.
Backergunge	3,926	5,764	5,12,672	0	6
Beerbhoom	994	3,439	1,63,097	12	6
Bhaugulpore	1,527	1,882	10,94,429	2	8
Burdwan East	2,912	2,152	6,45,542	14	0
„ West	1,138	4,202	87,475	4	0
Chittagong	4,099	7,704	2,53,421	1	10
Cuttack	862	3,059	2,83,772	0	0
Dacca	3,892	10,058	3,75,148	11	11
Dinagepore	1,223	4,864	1,75,966	0	0
Furreedpore	1,309	2,155	94,079	6	8
Gya	860	542	5,38,464	0	0
Hooghly	2,260	3,406	3,53,157	15	8
Jessore	4,631	8,820	4,50,630	0	0
Midnapore	2,926	6,968	3,31,018	3	0
Moorshedabad	1,423	1,886	3,08,039	14	5
Mymensingh	3,733	9,140	4,63,299	2	5
Nuddea	1,850	3,882	3,18,082	0	0
Patna	1,342	2,165	5,48,228	3	7
Purneah	1,002	1,122	3,46,446	8	10
Rajshahye	1,382	4,232	2,42,838	2	6
Rungpore	1,523	774	1,41,716	15	11
Sarun	1,420	743	7,46,558	13	9
Shahabad	1,587	2,386	4,29,248	9	2
Tipperah	4,721	8,169	4,69,763	0	7
Tirhoot	1,851	4,168	10,76,067	0	0
24-Pergunnahs	4,841	3,010	12,75,507	0	0
Chota Nagpore	820	3,918	2,02,846	15	8
Cooch Behar	237	389	59,545	0	0
Total ...	60,291	1,10,999	1,19,87,061	15	7

H.

DECREES SATISFIED WITHOUT EXECUTION.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFF.				SUB-JUDGE.				S. C. C. JUDGE.				JUDGE.			
	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.			NUMBER.	AMOUNT.			NUMBER.	AMOUNT.			NUMBER.	AMOUNT.		
		Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
BACKERGUNGE ...	699	34,771	12	10	3	156	6	6	117	7,071	10	0	1	30	1	3
BEERBHOOM ...	221	8,429	4	11	...	...			...	...			2	117	9	2
BHAUGULPORE ...	175	13,696	9	3	31	1,19,957	3	4	78	3,184	10	5	...	...		
BURDWAN, EAST ...	930	11,223	1	10	4	4,784	13	0	...	...			...	...		
BURDWAN, WEST ...	80	1,699	13	3	...	...			...	...			...	...		
CHITTAGONG ...	946	49,466	8	6	...	...			...	...			4	90	5	3
CUTTACK ...	125	4,104	13	9	4	1,799	3	4	237	6,578	1	9	...	...		
DACCA ...	557	12,050	15	8½	2	2,423	8	3	273	13,163	3	6	2	32	0	0
DINAGEPORE ...	259	9,365	8	5	...	...			...	...			...	...		
FURREEDPORE ...	129	1,679	5	0½	...	...			35	1,077	5	6	...	...		
GYA ...	16	1,692	8	0	9	47,709	2	4	...	...			...	...		
HOOGHLY ...	492	9,947	4	0	1	130	0	0	...	...			...	...		
JESSORE ...	735	18,329	9	6	7	5,533	4	9	601	13,724	5	9	...	...		
MIDNAPORE ...	815	18,874	14	11	3	2,251	0	0	127	1,120	3	0	4	167	5	9
MOORSHEDABAD ...	420	13,789	6	4	14	8,198	13	6	...	...			...	...		
MYMENSING ...	522	22,640	7	0	8	4,693	14	3	...	...			...	...		
NUDDEA ...	283	6,880	12	2	1	151	2	3	377	14,903	4	10	...	...		
PATNA ...	29	5,319	6	9	10	6,944	5	6	74	2,172	5	6	...	...		
PURNEAH ...	293	12,655	4	6	1	1,246	3	3	...	...			...	...		
RAJSHAHYE ...	272	3,461	15	4	1	1,489	9	4	81	2,117	3	0	...	...		
RUNGPORE ...	230	10,031	12	10	2	1,164	14	3	...	...			...	...		
SARUN ...	224	20,471	6	7	11	14,633	15	0	...	...			1	63	5	0
SHAHABAD ...	244	19,955	9	8	13	5,871	4	1	...	...			...	...		
TIPPERAH ...	931	34,198	10	5	2	3,044	0	9	...	...			...	...		
TIRHOOT ...	103	22,684	0	0	5	6,309	0	0	...	...			...	...		
24-PERGUNNAHS ...	694	20,886	8	2	22	10,820	11	9	392	17,569	5	10	1	728	3	9
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	71	2,948	5	9	1	1,200	0	0	...	...			...	...		
COOCH BEHAR ...	3	1,054	6	6	2	3,240	0	0	55	2,060	11	6	...	...		
Total ...	**10,498**	**3,92,310**	**1**	**11**	**157**	**2,53,752**	**7**	**5**	**2,447**	**84,742**	**6**	**7**	**15**	**1,228**	**14**	**2**

I.

ORIGINAL MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East	2,633	2,677	2,531	2,606	431	470
	Burdwan, West	1,462	1,383	1,353	1,477	325	231
	Beerbhoom ...	671	891	639	807	140	222
	Midnapore ...	4,405	3,363	3,866	3,827	1,174	637
	Hooghly ...	3,075	3,153	3,131	2,998	562	494
PRESIDENCY ..	24-Pergunnahs	2,505	2,515	2,761	2,504	242	253
	Nuddea ...	2,429	2,955	2,185	2,984	625	606
	Jessore ...	3,228	3,642	3,753	3,397	903	509
	Moorshedabad	744	1,085	986	1,017	106	170
RAJSHAHYE, AND COOCH BEHAR ...	Dinagepore ...	773	874	671	847	135	135
	Rajshahye ...	1,098	1,023	1,422	943	155	274
	Rungpore ...	1,077	1,211	1,093	1,254	362	309
	Cooch Behar	157	213	200	161	30	82
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	2,345	2,256	2,124	2,125	459	253
	Furreedpore...	...	448	...	385	...	260
	Backergunge...	1,762	1,721	1,995	1,708	269	339
	Mymensingh ..	2,476	2,111	2,496	2,023	328	426
	Tipperah ...	5,046	3,423	4,947	3,692	1,293	1,024
CHITTAGONG ..	Chittagong ...	2,409	2,111	2,340	2,045	295	361
PATNA ...	Patna ...	1,111	1,178	1,148	1,183	507	244
	Gya ...	895	881	895	863	118	139
	Shahabad ...	1,597	886	1,434	855	291	149
	Sarun ...	1,563	1,669	1,497	1,675	309	303
	Tirhoot ...	1,364	1,326	1,553	1,388	352	290
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore...	1,746	1,792	1,687	1,784	159	168
	Purneah ...	1,241	1,699	1,449	1,623	257	322
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	796	655	753	650	95	114
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	759	704	753	719	183	166
	Total ...	49,367	47,848	49,662	47,540	10,105	8,950

J.

APPEALS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East	763	855	560	887	362	351
	„ West	288	253	323	370	154	45
	Beerbhoom ...	339	301	239	393	166	84
	Midnapore ...	691	799	567	609	403	603
	Hooghly ...	746	659	784	658	195	216
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	1,370	1,082	1,664	1,330	518	293
	Nuddea ...	711	644	557	776	657	551
	Jessore ...	1,081	931	1,092	1,072	479	365
	Moorshedabad...	416	314	601	306	64	87
RAJSHAHYE, AND	Dinagepore ...	434	401	364	500	211	113
	Rajshahye ...	1,067	674	1,118	975	517	230
	Rungpore ...	566	704	946	342	148	542
COOCH BEHAR ...	Cooch Behar ...	70	59	71	88	33	4
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	1,547	1,485	1,612	1,226	523	648
	Furreedpore ...	...	134	...	161	...	144
	Backergunge ...	797	790	530	1,355	739	205
	Mymensingh ...	1,075	1,124	1,097	1,092	552	636
	Tipperah ...	1,809	1,702	2,029	1,887	852	711
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong ...	1,340	1,348	810	1,158	788	1,025
PATNA ...	Patna ...	665	648	849	717	430	379
	Gya ...	484	416	402	363	242	314
	Shahabad ...	553	626	519	530	105	218
	Sarun ...	687	678	737	920	530	314
	Tirhoot ...	827	647	810	697	536	524
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	1,017	1,316	1,177	1,165	249	415
	Purneah ...	354	400	402	381	20	39
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	338	[illegible]9	275	330	187	209
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore	336	501	551	389	57	169
	Total ...	20,311	19,830	20,686	20,677	9,717	9,434

K.

NUMBER OF APPELLATE JUDGES AND OF APPEALS PREFERRED, WITH RATIO OF APPEALS TO DECISIONS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Appellate Judges.	Original Suits tried on merits.	Appeals preferred.	Ratio per cent. of Appeals to Original Decisions.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	3	4,187	855	20·42
	Burdwan, West ...	1	1,015	253	24·92
	Beerbhoom ...	2	1,602	301	18 78
	Midnapore ...	2	3,451	799	23·16
	Hooghly ..	4	2,272	659	29·01
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	3	4,983	1,082	21·71
	Nuddea ..	2	2,790	644	23·08
	Jessore ...	2	5,516	931	16·87
	Moorshedabad ...	2	2,837	314	11·07
RAJSHAHYE, AND COOCH BEHAR	Dinagepore ...	2	3,213	401	12·48
	Rajshahye ...	3	2,034	674	33·13
	Rungpore ...	2	3,580	704	19·66
	Cooch Behar ..	3	544	59	10·84
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	2	5,713	1,485	25·99
	Furreedpore ...	2	836	134	16·03
	Backergunge ..	4	3,033	790	26·04
	Mymensingh ..	3	5,074	1,124	22·15
	Tipperah ...	4	7,592	1,702	22·42
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong ...	4	5,056	1,348	26·66
PATNA ...	Patna .	4	1,459	648	44·41
	Gya ...	2	962	416	43·24
	Shahabad ...	2	1,336	626	46·85
	Sarun ...	2	1,424	678	47·61
	Tirhoot ...	2	1,668	647	38 79
BHAUGULPORE ..	Bhaugulpore ...	3	2,750	1,316	47·85
	Purneah ...	2	1,928	400	20·74
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	2	1,080	339	31·39
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore ...	5	1,407	501	35·61
	Total	**72**	**79,342**	**19,830**	**24·99**

L.

APPEALS INSTITUTED, 1871—75.

DISTRICT.		1871.		1872.		1873.		1874.		1875.		Ratio per cent of increase or decrease from 1869 to 1875
Backergunge	Civ.	652		510		894		797		378		
	Rev.	13		1						412		
			665		511		894		797		790	103·08
Beerbhoom	Civ.	380		219		214		231		202		
	Rev.	258		96		95		108		99		
			638		315		339		339		301	—36·49
Bhaugulpore	Civ.	402		389		573		1,017		488		
	Rev.	633		551		778		...		828		
			1,035		940		1,351		1,017		1,316	100·00
Burdwan, East.	Civ.	479		718		620		763		565		
	Rev.	297				...				290		
			776		718		620		763		855	9·47
Burdwan, West.	Civ.	314		227		219		186		167		
	Rev.	118		130		118		102		86		
			432		357		337		288		253	—21·67
Chittagong	Civ.	1,097		922		926		1,039		1,044		
	Rev.	433		258		370		301		304		
			1,530		1,180		1,296		1,340		1,348	—4·53
Cuttack	Civ.	265		232		217		282		268		
	Rev.	75		88		52		56		71		
			340		320		299		338		339	19·36
Dacca	Civ.	1,159		1,146		1,712		1,547		859		
	Rev.	4		...		..		..		626		
			1,163		1,146		1,712		1,547		1,485	74·5[illegible]
Dinagepore	Civ.	538		493		509		434		283		
	Rev.	18		..		.		..		118		
			556		493		509		434		401	—5·86
Furreedpore	Civ.	...		...		...		...		62		
	Rev.	...		.		...		...		72		
			...		...		...		...		134	
Gya	Civ.	387		383		403		484		265		
	Rev.	3		...		...		...		151		
			390		383		* 403		484		416	35·06
Hooghly	Civ.	743		570		413		504		390		
	Rev.	516		327		247		242		269		
			1,259		897		660		746		659	—28·52
Jessore	Civ.	321		386		418		404		491		
	Rev.	584		496		518		677		440		
			905		882		936		1,081		931	121·14
Midnapore	Civ.	442		499		486		431		510		
	Rev.	336		299		331		260		289		
			778		798		817		691		799	25·23
Moorshedabad.	Civ.	258		282		368		228		158		
	Rev.	165		123		209		188		156		
			423		405		577		416		314	16·35
Mymensingh	Civ.	901		1,212		1,186		1,075		814		
	Rev.	13		...		...		...		310		
			914		1,212		1,186		1,075		1,124	71·34
Nuddea	Civ.	672		554		556		711		271		
	Rev.	1		2		...		...		373		
			673		556		556		711		644	65·98
Patna	Civ.	508		645		962		665		366		
	Rev.	...		...		...		...		282		
			508		645		962		665		648	88·77

L—concluded.

APPEALS INSTITUTED, 1871—75.

DISTRICT.		1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	Ratio per cent. of increase or decrease from 1869 to 1875.
Purneah ...	Civ. ...	351	421	436	354	170	
	Rev. ...	4	2	...	...	230	
		355	423	436	354	400	1·01
Rajshahye ...	Civ. ...	315	302	324	309	261	
	Rev. ...	166	397	303	698	413	
		481	699	627	1,007	674	66·01
Rungpore ...	Civ. ...	588	431	816	566	385	
	Rev. ...	3	...	...	...	319	
		591	431	816	566	704	56·44
Sarun ...	Civ. ...	700	691	721	684	388	
	Rev. ...	3	1	1	3	290	
		703	692	722	687	678	21·29
Shahabad ...	Civ. ...	496	577	604	553	392	
	Rev. ...	...	...	...	...	234	
		496	577	604	553	626	25·70
Tipperah ...	Civ. ...	1,426	1,161	1,988	1,809	808	
	Rev. ...	14	9	...	...	894	
		1,450	1,170	1,988	1,809	1,702	129·07
Tirhoot ...	Civ. ...	328	386	468	461	360	
	Rev. ...	333	294	559	366	287	
		661	680	1,027	827	647	15·53
24-Pergunnahs.	Civ. ...	1,051	1,250	1,418	1,370	654	
	Rev. ...	4	2	1	...	428	
		1,055	1,252	1,419	1,370	1,082	30·51
Chota Nagpore.	Civ. ...	584	392	366	289	387	
	Rev. ...	85	94	86	47	114	
		669	486	452	336	501	—1·37
Cooch Behar	Civ. ...	88	55	55	61	44	
	Rev. ...	23	27	8	9	15	
		111	82	63	70	59	268·75
Grand Total	Civ. ...	15,455	15,053	17,932	17,254	11,430	
	Rev. ...	4,102	3,197	3,676	3,057	8,400	
		19,557	18,250	21,608	20,311	19,830	36·84
Total of Regn. Dists.	Civ. ...	14,783	14,606	17,511	16,904	10,999	
	Rev. ...	3,994	3,076	3,582	3,001	8,271	
		18,777	17,682	21,093	19,905	19,270	37·97
Total of Non-Regn. Dists.	Civ. ...	672	447	421	350	431	
	Rev. ...	108	121	94	56	129	
		780	568	515	406	560	6·87

M.

APPEALS HOW DISPOSED OF.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ..	521	63	202	68	33	887
	Burdwan, West	188	45	119	14	4	370
	Beerbhoom ...	231	42	99	12	9	393
	Midnapore ...	389	48	162	7	3	609
	Hooghly ...	406	28	174	24	26	658
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs	835	102	313	41	39	1,330
	Nuddea ...	515	62	156	32	11	776
	Jessore ...	635	138	163	63	73	1,072
	Moorshedabad ..	146	42	73	19	26	306
RAJSHAHYE, AND	Dinagepore ...	323	28	92	44	13	500
	Rajshahye ...	507	38	315	104	11	975
	Rungpore ...	168	13	126	24	11	342
COOCH BEHAR...	Cooch Behar ...	56	5	15	12	...	88
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	819	123	188	66	30	1,226
	Furreedpore ...	102	5	41	11	2	161
	Backergunge ...	913	64	313	30	35	1,355
	Mymensingh ...	582	122	255	67	66	1,092
	Tipperah ...	1,140	130	458	83	76	1,887
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	610	146	286	79	37	1,158
PATNA ...	Patna ...	438	77	147	22	33	717
	Gya ...	207	23	65	40	28	363
	Shahabad ...	312	48	93	57	20	530
	Sarun ...	606	8	219	54	33	920
	Tirhoot ...	333	36	171	96	61	697
BHAUGULPORE ..	Bhaugulpore ...	765	75	244	40	41	1,165
	Purneah ...	246	12	85	38	...	381
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	215	14	74	13	14	330
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	234	20	80	47	8	389
	Total ...	**12,442**	**1,557**	**4,728**	**1,207**	**743**	**20,677**

N.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.	1875.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East	90	66	121	62	24	28
	Burdwan, West	25	39	24	39	5	5
	Beerbhoom ...	46	42	27	53	19	8
	Midnapore ...	49	55	38	53	11	13
	Hooghly ...	100	79	91	79	18	18
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs	69	53	80	45	6	14
	Nuddea ...	49	56	46	59	31	28
	Jessore ...	48	67	40	65	17	19
	Moorshedabad	33	33	34	33	4	4
RAJSHAHYE, AND	Dinagepore ...	53	26	45	34	12	4
	Rajshahye ...	107	78	131	59	72	92
	Rungpore ...	35	70	36	64	53	59
COOCH BEHAR ...	Cooch Behar...	6	9	6	9	1	1
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	145	93	133	96	44	35
	Furreedpore...	...	20	...	10	...	14
	Backergunge...	123*	72	131	129	71	14
	Mymensingh ...	118	111	208	125	64	52
	Tipperah ...	144	152	120	126	101	128
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	95	99	102	65	13	47
PATNA ...	Patna ...	67	84	57	73	35	46
	Gya ...	87	78	87	15	35	98
	Shahabad ...	45	48	37	40	8	16
	Sarun ...	51	41	33	44	21	18
	Tirhoot ...	68	91	58	90	32	33
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore...	68	107	57	105	27	29
	Purneah ...	44	35	57	35	7	...
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	18	17	7	20	13	10
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	30	58	52	46	2	14
	Total ...	**1,813**	**1,779**	**1,858**	**1,673**	**746**	**847**

O.

BUSINESS OF THE COURTS OF SMALL CAUSES.

DIVISION.	COURT.	Pending from 1874.	Instituted during 1875.	Total.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Dismissed on default.	Confession.	Ex-parte. Judgment for Plaintiff.	Ex-parte. Judgment for Defendant.	Contested. Judgment for Plaintiff.	Contested. Judgment for Defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending at close of 1875.	Of these pending over 6 weeks.
BURDWAN ...	Midnapore ...	62	823	885	367	10	66	40	145	48	142	45	863	22	...
	Hooghly ...	8	555	563	67	21	34	175	97	1	101	35	531	32	...
	Serampore ...	33	909	942	105	47	71	308	155	1	178	47	912	30	...
	Howrah ...	29	1,503	1,532	170	69	110	383	265	...	328	94	1,419	113	...
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah ...	189	4,264	4,453	569	26	425	968	1,258	14	718	270	4,248	205	...
	Dum-Dum Cantonment ...	7	39	46	4	...	2	13	17	...	7	1	44	2	...
	Barrackpore Cantonment...	1	165	166	25	1	19	32	36	...	37	16	166	...	...
	Kishnaghur...	136	1,885	2,021	170	30	94	807	364	64	292	67	1,888	133	...
	Ranaghat ...	130	1,381	1,511	129	26	164	493	254	80	181	103	1,430	81	...
	Meherpore ...	96	1,505	1,601	166	24	30	788	215	15	213	57	1,508	93	...
	Kooshtea ...	275	2,531	2,806	684	102	139	689	401	5	519	144	2,683	123	...
	Chooadangah	13	1,377	1,390	156	35	28	712	203	2	195	45	1,376	14	...
	Jessore ...	87	4,810	4,897	97	24	460	1,988	881	84	681	454	4,669	228	...
	Magoorah ...	28	1,641	1,669	110	53	197	336	617	6	186	87	1,592	77	...
	Jenidah ...	46	2,360	2,406	149	42	121	1,043	574	11	262	118	2,320	86	...
	Narail ...	184	2,698	2,882	113	101	305	517	1,080	24	409	184	2,733	149	...
RAJSHAHYE, AND COOCH BEHAR	Berhampore ...	5	277	282	15	12	13	62	47	2	103	19	273	9	...
	Beauleah ...	30	466	496	85	13	34	98	128	3	82	36	479	17	...
	Pubna ...	83	1,354	1,437	125	62	80	515	257	13	212	75	1,339	98	...
	Darjeeling ...	35	631	666	121	5	23	187	205	1	68	27	637	29	3
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	96	2,465	2,561	449	57	354	488	667	24	334	121	2,494	67	...
	Moonsheegunge ...	52	1,875	1,927	117	24	369	159	819	13	180	66	1,747	180	1
	Bhangah ...	82	1,222	1,304	60	21	320	137	409	65	109	98	1,219	85	...
	Fureedpore...	67	769	836	30	8	178	122	319	1	67	50	775	61	...
	Burisal ...	39	1,165	1,204	129	8	189	113	412	18	173	116	1,153	51	...
PATNA ...	Patna ...	64	556	620	96	16	31	134	112	15	96	68	568	52	...
	Dinapore ...	6	267	273	24	1	53	64	55	...	43	24	264	9	...
	Dinapore Cantonment	3	86	89	11	...	12	19	16	...	13	14	85	4	...
BHAUGULPORE	Monghyr ...	163	1,691	1,854	219	16	337	373	477	8	241	88	1,759	95	1
	Bhaugulpore	75	2,077	2,152	208	15	425	332	476	5	272	80	1,873	279	1
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	57	2,005	2,062	315	156	195	579	343	28	209	128	1,953	109	...
	Total ...	2,181	45,352	47,533	5,085	1,025	4,938	12,674	11,304	546	6,651	2,777	45,000	2,533	6

The Courts connected by a bracket are taken by the same Judge, as are also the three—Kooshtea, Pubna and Chooadangah.

00.

BUSINESS OF THE COURTS OF SMALL CAUSES FOR 1874 AND 1875.

DIVISION.	COURT.	1874. SUITS				1875. SUITS			
		INSTITUTED.	DISPOSED OF.	PENDING.	MORE THAN 6 WEEKS.	INSTITUTED.	DISPOSED OF.	PENDING.	MORE THAN 6 WEEKS.
BURDWAN	MIDNAPORE ...	1,096	1,071	62	...	823	863	22	...
	HOOGHLY ...	394	395	8	...	555	531	32	...
	SERAMPORE ...	647	639	33	...	909	912	30	...
	HOWRAH ...	1,086	1,144	29	...	1,503	1,419	113	...
PRESIDENCY ...	SEALDAH ...	3,681	3,778	189	2	4,264	4,248	205	...
	DUM-DUM CANTONMENT ...	59	54	7	...	39	44	2	...
	BARRACKPORE CANTONMENT ...	139	148	1	...	165	166	...	...
	KRISHNAGHUR ...	1,299	1,277	136	14	1,885	1,888	133	...
	RANAGHAT ...	1,258	1,204	130	6	1,381	1,430	81	...
	MEHERPORE ...	1,231	1,264	96	1	1,505	1,508	93	...
	KOOSHTEA ...	2,036	1,927	275	...	2,531	2,683	123	...
	CHOOADANGAH ...	889	891	13	...	1,377	1,376	14	...
	JESSORE ...	4,236	4,248	87	...	4,810	4,669	228	...
	MAGOORAH ...	1,359	1,375	28	...	1,641	1,592	77	...
	JENIDAH ...	1,843	1,849	46	...	2,360	2,320	86	...
	NABAIL ...	2,482	2,432	184	...	2,698	2,733	149	...
RAJSHAHYE, AND	BERHAMPORE ...	618	706	5	...	277	273	9	...
	BEAULEAH ...	480	487	30	...	266	479	17	...
	PUBNA ...	961	966	83	...	1,354	1,339	98	...
COOCH BEHAR ...	DARJEELING ...	932	970	35	1	631	637	29	3
	KURSEONG ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...*
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	1,850	1,880	96	...	2,465	2,494	67	...
	MOONSHEEGUNGE...	560	548	52	...	1,875	1,747	180	1
	BHANGAH ...	1,304	1,389	82	4	1,222	1,219	85	...
	FURREEDPORE ...	651	649	67	...	769	775	61	...
	GOALUNDO ...	49	55	...	...	...	...	...	...†
	BURRISAUL ...	1,051	1,070	39	...	1,165	1,153	51	...
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	634	631	64	...	556	568	52	...
	DINAPORE ...	191	188	6	...	267	264	9	...
	DINAPORE CANTONMENT ...	121	123	3	...	86	85	4	...
BHAUGULPORE ...	MONGHYR ...	1,414	1,340	163	85	1,691	1,759	95	1
	BHAUGULPORE ...	1,698	1,682	75	1	2,077	1,873	279	1
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK ...	1,293	1,277	57	...	2,005	1,953	109	...
	Total ...	**37,542**	**37,658**	**2,182**	**115**	**45,352**	**45,000**	**2,533**	**6**

* Abolished from March 1874.

† Abolished from 31st March 1874.

P 1.

WORK DONE BY DISTRICT JUDGES.

DISTRICT.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions Trials.	No. of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge ...	134	114	...	237	309	129	61	124§
Beerbhoom ...	169	70	70	483	163	53	38	27
Bhaugulpore ...	182	82	18	155	398	105	50	155
Burdwan, East ...	164	65	22	541	254	62	38	89
,, West ...	213	34	12	200	370	39	13	26
Chittagong ...	104	137	3	331	84	65	33	102
Cuttack ...	128	99	...	105	282	20	60	132
Dacca ...	162	78	35	598	364	74	50	178
Dinagepore ...	114	84	18	255	213	34	39	87
Furreedpore ...	55	20	...	67	108	...	15	21
Gya ...	95	165	...	108	65	15	46	41
Hooghly ...	180*	48	7	653	259	79	39	128
Jessore ...	122	117	...	187	525	65	93	124
Midnapore ...	143†	113	11	654	273	53	78	133
Moorshedabad ...	125	107	5	180	195	33	56	123
Mymensingh ...	125	106½	...	260	143	124	40	139
Nuddea ...	129	124	8	411	414	59	65	221
Patna ...	146	100	1	629	259	73	44	250
Purneah ...	191	39	11	73	329	35	23	34
Rajshahye ...	71	203	...	112	42	29	58	159
Rungpore ...	67	162	...	104	25	64	103	88
Sarun ...	199*	42	...	612	745	44	46	92
Shahabad ...	155	94	3	317	254	40	46	198
Tipperah ...	160	77	1	351	397	126	79	144
Tirhoot ...	154	80	5	356	218	90	54	141
24-Pergunnahs ...	221	9‡	6	475	571	41	10	276
Chota Nagpore ...	99	146	3	10	230	35	80	105
Cooch Behar ...	52	53	...	15	88	9	22	28
Total ...	**3,859**	**2,568½**	**239**	**8,479**	**7,577**	**1,595**	**1,379**	**3,365**

* In 48 of these days, Criminal Appeals were heard as well as Civil Cases.
† Six of these days were occupied in the examination of Assistants. Similarly in many other cases.
‡ Entirely occupied with Sessions work. Criminal Appeals were taken up whenever ready; time estimated equal to about 39 days.
§ Also 40 Criminal Motions.

P 2.

WORK DONE BY ADDITIONAL JUDGES.

DISTRICT.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions trials.	No. of Criminal Appeals.
24-Pergunnahs ...	150	85	8	41	283	4	57	33
Hooghly ...	...	28	...	...	...	...	22	...
Backergunge*	46	32	...	4	145	...	18	...
Jessore* ...	64	...	...	...	143	...	...	...
Rungpore* ...	48	...	...	...	35	...	...	...
Tirhoot ...	219	...	24	95	403	...	...	...
Dacca† ... (at Furreedpore).	94	54	...	168	222	7	33	39
Total ...	**621**	**199**	**32**	**308**	**1,231**	**11**	**130**	**72**

* These Districts were taken by the same Judge.
† From 23rd April 1874 to 31st July 1875, after which Furreedpore became an independent district.

P 3.

WORK DONE BY SUBORDINATE JUDGES.

DISTRICT.		1874. Original suits.	1874. Miscellaneous.	1874. Regular appeals.	1874. Miscellaneous appeals.	1875. Original suits.	1875. Miscellaneous.	1875. Regular appeals.	1875. Miscellaneous appeals.
Backergunge...	... ...	76	491	198	..	116	185	475	...
" ...	2nd ...	52	51	118	.	49	85	424	..
Beerbhoom ...	... ...	33	105	113	...	18	59	239	...
Bhaugulpore...	... ...	220	817	402	...	247	873	504	...
" ..	S.C.C. Judge, as S.J.	31	1	367	..	...	11	263	.
Burdwan East	... ...	137	693	213	...	141	570	284	.
" " ...	2nd ...	...	...	...	..	25	91	399	...
Burdwan West	... ...	4	8	36	..	...	...	..	...
Chittagong ...	... ...	64	262	407	...	31	183	574	..
" ...	2nd ...	2	73	193	...	19	49	500	...
Cuttack ...	... ...	66	169	15	...	74	191	48	...
Dacca ...	.. ..	122	515	717	...	117	390	466	.
" ...	2nd ...	...	...	...	...		...	38	..
" ...	S. J. Furreedpore...	40	145	266	37	47	121	136	11
Dinagepore ..	.. ..	59	87	129	..	58	164	266	...
Furreedpore ...	... ...	...	...	...	...	15	92	51	1
Gya ...	... ...	232	957	315	...	200	923	298	...
Hooghly ...	... ...	146	589	186	...	170	602	196	...
" ...	S. C. C. Judge, as S. J.	...	2	222	...	2	2	203	...
Jessore ...	... ...	142	509	386	...	89	429	404	...
Midnapore ...	... ...	140	588	115	...	155	482	258	.
" ...	2nd ...	...	...	...	..	1	...	87	...
Moorshedabad	... ...	131	481	179	...	137	399	111	...
" ...	2nd ...	39	93	193	.	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh ...	... ...	81	397	481	27	88	318	416	...
" ...	2nd ...	76	518	509	31	66	322	487	1
Nuddea ...	... ...	137	169	220	...	103	209	361	..
Patna ...	.. ..	211	765	308	...	4	518	178	...
" ...	2nd ...	102	11	...	..	198	166	...	...
Purneah ...	... ...	113	347	136		122	377	52	...
Rajshahye ...	... ...	91	190	226	...	101	290	188	9
" ...	2nd ...	...	21	393	...	16	58	745	21
Rungpore ...	... ...	73	103	773	...	61	193	175	...
" ...	2nd ...	...	...	87	...	38	...	112	..
Sarun ...	... ...	188	718	142	...	197	665	175	...
Shahabad ...	... ...	204	528	116		126	542	217	...
Tipperah ...	... ...	125	534	418	...	171	522	393	...
" ...	2nd ...	3	70	731	..	...	114	678	.
" ...	3rd ...	...	34	399	.	...	22	316	..
Tirhoot ...	... .	372	1,241	221	...	376	1,290	60	...
24-Perghs. ...	... ...	129	370	279	...	109	285	233	...
" ...	2nd ...	148	341	248	...	79	267	234	..
" ...	3rd ...	...	21	159	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore	... ...	250	770	259	32	202	648	159	12
Cooch Behar...	... ...	27	98	...	...	30	75	...	...
	Total ...	4,064	13,885	10,900	127	3,774	13,145	11,773	55

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1874.		1875.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
BACKERGUNGE ...	1st, Burrisal ...	1,541	2,036	1,491	1,813	
	2nd, do. ...	1,981	2,032	1,428	1,337	
	3rd, do. ...	911	394	962	992	
	4th, do. ...	...	...	412	20	
	Perozepore, 1st ...	2,147	2,543	1,512	2,224	
	Do. 2nd ...	407	27	1,056	369	
	Patooakhali ...	1,907	2,186	1,746	1,666	
	1st, Dukhinshabazpore	1,474	2,052	1,498	1,987	
	2nd, do.	993	797	643	48	
	1st, Madaripore ...	321	324	...	...	Transferred to Furreedpore.
	2nd, do. ...	308	290	...	...	
	Total ...	**11,990**	**12,681**	**10,748**	**10,456**	
BEERBHOOM ...	Sooree ...	792	946	1,239	1,269	
	Doobrajpore ...	1,152	1,722	1,277	1,566	
	Bulpore ...	936	1,654	1,462	1,757	
	Total ...	**2,880**	**4,322**	**3,978**	**4,592**	
BHAUGULPORE ...	Sudder ...	1,087	1,074	1,506	1,060	
	Monghyr ...	1,656	1,482	1,774	1,545	
	Mudheypoora ...	1,530	1,037	1,698	843	
	Beguserai ...	1,378	1,562	1,433	1,315	
	Jumooi ...	543	326	672	511	
	Total ...	**6,194**	**5,481**	**7,083**	**5,274**	
BURDWAN, EAST	1st, Sudder ...	1,744	1,697	2 067	1,579	
	2nd, do. ...	1,376	1,734	1,959	1,474	
	3rd, do. ...	366	196	...	...	
	1st, Culnah ...	1,555	1,203	1,551	1,223	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	718	9	
	1st, Cutwa ...	2,528	1,633	3,270	1,994	
	2nd, do. ...	288	220	...	...	
	Bood-Bood ...	1,611	2,170	2,127	2,377	
	Raneegunge ...	1,221	1,055	1,238	1,145	
	Jehanabad ...	2,531	2,203	2,467	2,417	
	Do. Extra ...	...	...	210	4	
	Total ...	**13,220**	**121,11**	**15,607**	**12,222**	
BURDWAN, WEST	Bancoorah ...	1,198	1,445	1,456	1,374	
	Bishenpore ...	1,982	3,308	2,103	3,776	
	Gungajulghattee ...	789	1,196	789	1,209	
	Total ...	**3,969**	**5,949**	**4,348**	**6,359**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1874. Regular Suits.	1874. Miscellaneous Cases.	1875. Regular Suits.	1875. Miscellaneous Cases.	Remarks.
Chittagong ...	Sudder ...	906	1,022	1,143	1,176	
	Sitakoond ...	1,246	1,146	1,176	1,092	
	Puttea ...	1,532	1,794	1,483	1,987	
	Howlah ...	1,273	1,362	1,166	1,242	
	Hathhazaree ...	1,154	1,033	1,143	949	
	Fatickcherry ...	1,080	848	1,156	1,003	
	Sandip ...	1,271	1,382	962	1,450	
	Raojan ...	954	1,465	897	1,097	
	Rangoneah ...	811	860	807	686	
	Satkaneah ...	1,275	1,389	1,374	1,269	
	Cox's Bazar ...	495	383	507	429	
	Deang ...	991	769	946	877	
	Additional ...	1,151	169	...	...	
	Total ...	**15,062**	**16,239**	**12,760**	**13,257**	
Cuttack ...	1st, Sudder ...	555	436	137	282	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	722	565	
	Balasore ...	1,230	1,476	1,386	1,755	
	Pooree ...	1,110	919	1,071	831	
	Jajpore ...	737	898	1,057	839	
	Kendrapara ...	527	516	...	...	Abolished.
	Total ...	**4,159**	**4,245**	**4,373**	**4,272**	
Dacca ...	1st, Sudder ...	918	1,104	1,090	905	
	2nd, do. ...	1,849	1,740	2,002	1,412	Up to July.
	Furreedpore ...	918	1,239	1,014	823	
	Kaligunge ...	1,590	990	2,137	903	
	1st, Moonsheegunge...	3,139	3,501	3,424	2,544	
	2nd, do. ...	1,443	256	2,449	445	
	Extra, do. ...	...	...	357	56	
	1st, Manickgunge ...	2,452	3,423	1,859	1,504	
	2nd, do. ...	239	1	1,483	447	
	1st, Bhangah ...	2,506	2,896	2,023	1,652	Do.
	2nd, do. ...	207	...	544	36	Do.
	Muxoodpore ...	1,084	1,325	915	577	
	Goalundo ...	1,927	2,049	1,912	1,012	Do.
	Madaripore, 1st ...	1,425	1,704	1,247	923	Do.
	Do. 2nd ...	...	...	646	526	Do.
	Total ...	**19,697**	**20,228**	**23,102**	**13,765**	
Dinagepore ...	Sudder ...	1,414	993	2,065	924	
	Beergunge ...	1,073	601	1,350	586	
	Thacoorgong ...	1,699	1,538	1,576	1,067	
	Hemtabad ...	715	445	981	429	
	Maldah ...	1,804	1,121	2,171	1,297	
	Shibgunge ...	808	614	856	755	
	Gungarampore ...	477	204	661	250	
	Putnitollah ...	682	442	1,127	722	
	Chintamun ...	752	310	1,264	476	
	Total ...	**9,424**	**6,268**	**12,051**	**6,506**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1874. Regular Suits.	1874. Miscellaneous Cases.	1875. Regular Suits.	1875. Miscellaneous Cases.	REMARKS.
FURREEDPORE ...	Sudder ...	...	...	395	658	This district was separated from Dacca from the 1st Aug. 1875.
	Goalundo ...	...	...	746	653	
	1st, Bhangah ...	...	...	558	775	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	330	462	
	Madaripore ...	...	...	415	523	
	Mulfatgunge ...	...	...	572	435	
	Total ...	...	...	**3,016**	**3,506**	
GYA ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,004	1,691	889	1,639	Abolished.
	2nd, do. ...	357	341	745	534	
	Nowadah ...	222	255	...	...	
	Arungabad ...	408	430	291	362	
	Total ...	**1,991**	**2,717**	**1,925**	**2,535**	
HOOGHLY ...	Sudder ...	493	560	656	575	
	Pundooah ...	1,151	852	1,137	772	
	Hurripal ...	749	735	930	840	
	1st, Serampore ...	1,127	1,456	1,292	1,178	
	2nd, do. ...	681	6	817	16	
	Oolooberiah ...	706	1,146	886	859	
	1st, Amtah ...	1,373	1,924	1,460	1,778	
	2nd, do. ...	139	...	438	14	
	Sulkeah ...	1,360	1,432	1,611	1,323	
	Total ...	**7,779**	**8,111**	**9,227**	**7,355**	
JESSORE ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,960	2,902	1,756	2,746	
	2nd, do. ...	1,692	2,433	1,422	1,997	
	3rd, do. ...	1,182	1,049	1,493	1,630	
	4th, do. ...	325	233	754	15	
	Khoolneah ...	2,612	2,577	2,655	2,444	
	Narail ...	2,950	2,467	2,463	2,400	
	Magoorah ...	1,857	1,670	1,690	1,188	
	Baghirhat ..	2,159	2,325	2,373	2,453	
	Jhenidah ...	1,647	1,490	2,019	1,400	
	Total ...	**16,384**	**17,146**	**16,625**	**16,273**	
MIDNAPORE ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,936	1,895	3,483	1,919	
	2nd, do. ...	1,966	1,635	2,221	1,868	
	3rd, do. ...	...	...	219	37	
	Bogree ...	1,862	1,842	1,966	2,474	
	Tumlook ...	1,896	2,470	2,108	2,851	
	1st, Nemal ...	2,489	1,248	3,055	1,875	
	2nd, do. ...	250	...	497	3	
	Dautoon ...	781	497	681	442	
	Ghattal ...	1,150	1,307	1,204	1,248	
	Total ...	**12,330**	**10,894**	**15,434**	**12,717**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1874.		1875.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
MOORSHEDABAD	1st, Berhampore ...	1,218	1,100	2,460	1,265	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	2,461	1,274	
	Jungypore ...	2,161	1,805	2,389	1,455	
	Azimgunge ...	...	...	1,956	1,908	
	Rampore Haut ...	1,211	1,122	1,467	1,230	
	Kandi	1,541	890	...	...	Abolished.
	Harharparah ...	1,213	899	...	...	
	Gowas	1,684	2,007	...	...	
	Total ...	**9,028**	**7,823**	**10,733**	**7,132**	
MYMENSINGH ...	Sudder	1,773	1,697	1,960	1,622	
	1st, Attiah ...	1,450	1,309	2,430	1,734	
	2nd, do. ...	663	651	...	...	
	Bazitpore ...	1,084	1,343	1,559	986	
	Goshgong	1,582	1,583	1,467	1,196	
	Ishragunge ...	1,122	849	1,268	681	
	1st, Nettrokonah ...	1,378	1,928	1,465	1,412	
	2nd, do. ...	1,262	1,301	1,385	952	
	Nikli	1,844	1,926	2,112	2,366	
	Jamalpore ...	1,460	1,478	1,848	1,556	
	Sherepore ...	790	824	822	694	
	Pingnah ...	1,293	836	1,388	867	
	Total ...	**15,701**	**15,725**	**17,704**	**14,066**	
NUDDEA ...	Kishnaghur ...	954	2,027	966	2,309	
	Chooadangah ...	431	356	910	621	
	Meherpore ...	772	613	975	1,238	
	1st, Bongong ...	1,702	1,203	2,049	1,081	
	2nd, do. ...	481	391	957	728	
	1st, Ranaghat ...	750	831	826	818	
	2nd, do. ...	167	...	...	...	
	1st, Kooshtea ...	1,204	1,215	1,117	1,028	
	2nd, do. ...	215	9	350	34	
	Total ...	**6,676**	**6,645**	**8,150**	**7,857**	
PATNA ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,340	1,561	1,186	1,213	
	2nd, do. ...	841	730	910	1,275	
	Extra, Sudder ...	...	...	173	4	
	Behar	651	725	637	822	
	Total ...	**2,832**	**3,016**	**2,906**	**3,314**	
PURNEAH ...	1st, Sudder ...	977	767	1,455	1,108	
	2nd, do. ...	1,228	784	1,223	864	
	Kissengunge ...	1,320	844	1,744	1,034	
	Arrareah ...	1,262	1,221	2,174	1,255	
	Kudba	914	643	1,113	749	
	Total ...	**5,701**	**4,259**	**7,709**	**5,010**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1874.		1875.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
RAJSHAHYE ...	Bauleah ...	1,321	628	1,526	1,048	
	Nattore ...	1,221	715	1,506	1,057	
	Pubna	1,094	333	954	703	
	1st, Shazadpore ...	2,913	464	1,407	1,569	
	2nd, do. ...	319	81	24	35	
	Serajgunge ...	2,087	456	2,648	1,418	
	Total ...	**8,955**	**2,677**	**8,065**	**5,830**	
RUNGPORE ...	Sudder	2,051	871	2,260	676	
	Bhotmari ...	1,634	904	1,822	934	
	1st, Barobari ...	1,206	662	1,816	1,089	
	2nd, do. ...	528	5	989	35	
	1st, Buddergunge ...	1,794	1,176	1,484	1,298	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	1,337	24	
	Olipore ..	1,297	534	1,710	657	
	Badiakhali ...	1,300	653	1,260	637	
	1st, Bograh ...	1,430	920	1,725	1,526	
	2nd, do. ...	470	8	894	176	
	Total ...	**11,710**	**5,733**	**15,297**	**7,052**	
SARUN ...	Chuprah ...	1,346	2,318	1,425	2,324	
	Pursah ...	798	753	951	773	
	Sewan ...	700	1,248	765	962	
	Chumparun ...	820	634	896	699	
	Total ...	**3,664**	**4,953**	**4,037**	**4,758**	
SHAHABAD ...	1st, Arrah ...	1,296	1,277	1,371	1,167	
	2nd, Do. ...	954	1,060	882	992	
	Buxar ...	931	1,203	1,058	1,179	
	Sasseram ...	883	678	874	631	
	Total ...	**4,064**	**4,218**	**4,185**	**3,969**	
TIPPERAH ...	1st, Comillah ..	1,658	1,616	1,595	999	
	2nd, do. ...	731	540	1,025	709	
	3rd, do. ...	949	571	830	370	
	Cusba Noornuggur ...	1,446	1,449	1,489	1,168	
	1st, Nassirnuggur ...	1,423	1,219	1,853	1,184	
	2nd, do. ...	1,335	1,103	1,955	1,328	
	3rd, do. ...	872	403	323	20	
	1st, Panchpookhoria...	1,448	1,011	1,514	935	
	2nd, do. ...	1,133	518	1,288	567	
	3rd, do. ...	1,127	499	1,463	743	
	Toobkibograh ...	1,169	1,002	1,338	1,073	
	1st, Juggurnathdiggy	1,315	1,130	1,505	1,092	
	2nd, do. ...	502	95	...	...	
	1st, Soodharam ...	1,683	1,921	2,077	1,896	
	2nd, do. ...	1,317	457	899	539	
	Begumgunge ...	1,809	1,384	1,769	1,224	
	Ameergong ...	1,585	2,712	1,367	1,538	
	Total ...	**21,502**	**17,630**	**22,240**	**15,385**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1874.		1875.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
TIRHOOT ...	Mozufferpore ...	1,378	1,649	1,177	1,682	
	Durbanga ...	576	708	852	772	
	Mudhoobunee ...	746	1,606	571	1,120	
	Tajpore ...	625	788	746	651	
	Hajeepore ...	1,043	1,215	874	1,100	
	Seetamurhee ...	...	...	322	292	
	Total ...	**4,368**	**5,966**	**4,542**	**5,617**	
24-PERGUNNAHS	1st, Alipore ...	1,300	1,328	1,627	1,494	
	2nd, do. ...	1,001	768	1,257	1,023	
	3rd, do. ...	588	856	...	...	
	1st, Diamond Harbour	1,433	1,211	1,753	902	
	2nd, do. ...	1,276	1,528	2,005	1,208	
	3rd, do. ...	538	10	...	...	
	1st, Baripore ...	835	923	1,555	894	
	2nd, do. ...	482	225	...	...	
	Sealdah ...	1,546	1,278	2,044	1,302	
	1st, Baraset ...	2,233	1,395	1,829	1,612	
	2nd, do. ...	1,799	1,687	1,820	1,352	
	1st, Bushirhat ...	1,053	913	1,316	724	
	2nd, do. ...	1,020	1,014	1,217	819	
	1st, Satkhirah ...	1,530	1,622	1,450	1,377	
	2nd, do. ...	1,502	1,390	1,690	1,198	
	Total ...	**18,136**	**16,148**	**19,563**	**13,905**	
CHOTA NAGPORE	Hazareebaugh ...	363	253	306	205	
	Lohardugga ...	127	156	139	135	
	Purulia ..	849	972	989	1,044	
	Manbazar ...	701	1,134	844	668	
	Rughoonathpore ...	559	1,033	640	1,057	
	Burhee or Khurukdia	417	237	584	421	
	Chittra ...	166	200	176	249	
	Ranchee ...	538	833	439	523	
	Daltongunge or Palamow ...	247	219	202	197	
	Total ...	**3,967**	**5,037**	**4,319**	**4,499**	
COOCH BEHAR ...	1st, Julpigooree ...	1,344	627	1,043	513	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	151	11	
	Darjeeling ...	41	24	87	55	
	Terai ...	111	8	152	14	
	Falacotta ...	89	93	68	24	
	Total ...	**1,585**	**752**	**1,501**	**617**	

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AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.

District.	District Judges.				Subordinate Judges.				Moonsiffs.				Small Cause Court Judges.			
	Contested.		Uncontested.		Contested.		Uncontested.		Contested.		Uncontested.		Contested.		Uncontested.	
	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.
Backergunge	...	...	...	...	1st 61	8,904	55	3,280	4,099	2,72,142	6,648	4,31,383	289	5,580	864	13,968
					1	146	1	59	1	66	1	65	1	16	1	16
					2nd 29	7,154	10	411								
					1	243	1	41								
Beerbhoom ...	25	4,974	25	1,530	16	2,240	13	1,053	1,561	1,20,639	2,417	90,578	...	...	...	...
	1	198	1	61	1	140	1	81	1	77	1	37				
Bhaugulpore ...	3	637	15	784	97	13,301	153	12,571	2,650	1,40,157	4,586	1,32,072	681	15,238	2,949	52,681
	1	212	1	52	1	137	1	82	1	53	1	29	1	22	1	18
Burdwan, East ...	9	1,802	14	1,308	62	5,485	73	5,281	3,775	2,44,225	9,986	3,36,298	...	...	...	...
	1	200	1	93	1	88	1	72	1	64	1	33				
									341	12,327	1,505	28,999				
									1	36	1	19				
Burdwan, West ...	2	231	10	660	...	...	...	...	980	60,623	3,155	1,25,487	...	...	...	...
	1	115	1	66					1	62	1	39				
									33	1,728	180	5,026				
									1	52	1	28				
Chittagong ...	3	900	...	...	31	4,177	22	559	4,944	3,45,039	7,538	2,47,295	...	...	...	...
	1	300			1	134	1	25	1	69	1	32				
									78	4,250	200	7,878				
									1	54	1	39				
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	21	3,664	53	2,772	869	1,13,196	2,253	1,22,086	337	5,224	1,616	21,282
					1	174	1	52	1	130	1	54	1	15	1	13
									190	7,476	1,061	31,275	...	...	...	...
									1	39	1	29				
Dacca	23	5,826	12	3,069	73	11,698	91	3,534	6,594	4,94,787	16,508	6,12,399	928	23,294	4,812	78,059
	1	253	1	255	1	166	1	38	1	75	1	37	1	25	1	16
Dinagepore ...	12	3,527	6	720	31	6,405	27	2,568	2,624	1,37,646	7,877	2,53,421	...	...	...	...
	1	294	1	120	1	206	1	95	1	52	1	32				
									482	12,161	1,068	20,627				
									1	25	1	19				
Furreedpore	...	...	...	...	7	1,479	8	132	684	67,599	1,942	75,902	29	701	127	3,072
					1	211	1	16	1	98	1	39	1	24	1	23
									145	8,030	514	14,126	68	2,788	271	6,775
									1	55	1	27	1	41	1	25
Gya	...	...	...	...	132	21,422	68	3,807	782	49,895	978	22,768	...	...	...	...
					1	162	1	56	1	63	1	23				
									48	1,781	117	1,758				
									1	37	1	15				
Hooghly	7	2,853	1	312	68	6,256	104	5,112	2,196	1,57,675	7,031	2,60,631	792	15,304	2,070	36,202
	1	407	1	312	1	92	1	49	1	71	1	37	1	19	1	17
Jessore	...	...	...	...	48	8,396	41	1,332	5,320	3,76,389	10,639	3,63,394	2,381	47,881	8,933	1,20,894
					1	175	1	32	1	70	1	34	1	20	1	13
									148	2,664	518	6,218	...	...	...	...
									1	18	1	16				

Midnapore ...	8	2,135	3	2,790	71	12,695	86	11,220	2,717	2,30,945	9,082	4,54,100	187	4,862	676	13,520
	1	*267*	*1*	*930*	*1*	*178*	*1*	*130*	*1*	*85*	*1*	*50*	*1*	*26*	*1*	*20*
									655	19,692	2,679	67,000	...	...	...	...
									1	*30*	*1*	*25*				
Moorshedabad ...	4	624	1	51	44	7,301	93	5,952	2,443	2,19,061	7,132	3,62,049	122	2,928	151	3,171
	1	*156*	*1*	*51*	*1*	*166*	*1*	*64*	*1*	*89*	*1*	*50*	*1*	*24*	*1*	*21*
									346	9,416	812	15,197	...	...	...	...
									1	*24*	*1*	*18*				
Mymensingh	...	...	...	...	70	6,882	84	5,974	4,898	2,91,844	11,921	4,23,243	...	...	...	...
					1	*98*	*1*	*71*	*1*	*59*	*1*	*35*				
									106	2,902	779	24,738				
									1	*27*	*1*	*32*				
Nuddea	4	153	4	330	55	21,652	48	6,452	2,796	3,91,858	4,123	1,98,303	1,816	57,099	7,058	1,88,687
	1	*38*	*1*	*80*	*1*	*394*	*1*	*134*	*1*	*140*	*1*	*48*	*1*	*31*	*1*	*26*
									276	33,672	1,009	24,216	...	...	...	...
									1	*122*	*1*	*24*				
Patna	...	...	1	145	115	17,203	87	6,695	1,344	2,08,690	1,663	1,22,044	258	4,583	659	9,700
			1	*145*	*1*	*149*	*1*	*77*	*1*	*155*	*1*	*73*	*1*	*18*	*1*	*14*
Purneah	10	1,370	1	43	73	7,008	49	2,009	1,940	1,37,743	5,281	1,63,729	...	...	...	...
	1	*137*	*1*	*43*	*1*	*96*	*1*	*41*	*1*	*71*	*1*	*31*				
									76	1,596	411	9,042				
									1	*21*	*1*	*22*				
Rajshahye	...	...	...	...	51	7,054	66	6,039	1,710	1,64,576	4,607	2,13,849	409	10,066	1,409	33,826
					1	*138*	*1*	*91*	*1*	*92*	*1*	*46*	*1*	*24*	*1*	*24*
									273	10,774	1,477	28,064				
									1	*39*	*1*	*19*				
Rungpore	...	...	...	...	59	15,905	43	2,347	3,521	6,41,671	11,852	7,52,995	...	...	...	...
					1	*269*	*1*	*54*	*1*	*182*	*1*	*63*				
Sarun	...	...	...	...	118	15,401	79	5,373	1,240	60,381	2,474	78,107	...	...	...	...
					1	*130*	*1*	*68*	*1*	*48*	*1*	*31*				
									66	1,442	257	4,146				
									1	*22*	*1*	*16*				
Shahabad	2	401	...	...	81	9,987	45	4,026	1,253	1,42,790	2,932	1,15,952	...	...	...	...
	1	*200*			*1*	*123*	*1*	*89*	*1*	*114*	*1*	*39*				
Tipperah	1	191	...	...	102	41,292	69	12,974	7,136	5,35,865	13,683	5,03,201	...	...	...	...
	1	*191*			*1*	*404*	*1*	*88*	*1*	*75*	*1*	*37*				
									353	16,428	1,068	27,866				
									1	*46*	*1*	*26*				
Tirhoot	13	2,768	16	1,936	164	35,458	212	17,073	1,491	2,29,249	3,118	1,67,824	...	...	...	...
	1	*213*	*1*	*121*	*1*	*216*	*1*	*80*	*1*	*153*	*1*	*53*				
24-Pergunnahs, Judge	4	520	2	199	101	13,653	87	7,039	4,460	3,84,465	12,658	6,63,060	1,047	20,566	3,463	60,914
	1	*130*	*1*	*100*	*1*	*135*	*1*	*81*	*1*	*86*	*1*	*52*	*1*	*19*	*1*	*18*
24-Pergunnahs, and Additional Judge	4	944	4	499					414	11,407	2,031	54,783				
	1	*236*	*1*	*124*					*1*	*27*	*1*	*27*				
Chota Nagpore ...	2	682	1	218	118	12,380	93	6,916	1,287	1,06,307	3,032	1,17,108	...	...	...	...
	1	*341*	*1*	*218*	*1*	*105*	*1*	*74*	*1*	*82*	*1*	*38*				
Cooch Behar	...	...	...	...	22	484	8	247	522	50,660	1,142	65,046	94	2,018	543	9,409
					1	*22*	*1*	*31*	*1*	*97*	*1*	*57*	*1*	*21*	*1*	*17*
Total ...	**136**	**30,538**	**116**	**14,594**	**1,920**	**3,24,936**	**1,867**	**1,42,748**	**79,866**	**65,33,863**	**1,91,944**	**78,45,283**	**9,438**	**2,18,132**	**35,601**	**6,52,160**
		y. m. d.		y. m. d.		y. m. d.		y. m. d.		y. m. d.		y. m. d.		y. m. d.		y. m. d.
General Average duration of each case	...	0 7 14	...	0 4 6	...	0 5 19	...	0 2 16	...	0 2 22	...	0 1 21	...	0 0 23	...	0 0 18

R.

COST OF ESTABLISHMENTS WITH STAMP DUTY AND COURT FEES REALIZED.

DISTRICT.	Cost of Establishments (including Judges' Salaries.)			Stamp Duty and Court Fees Realized.			Surplus.			Deficit.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Backergunge	94,452	15	11	1,10,474	14	8	46,021	14	9	...		
Beerbhoom ...	58,286	3	1	56,456	1	8	...			1,830	1	5
Bhaugulpore ...	97,447	5	11	2,02,883	2	9	1,05,435	12	10	...		
Burdwan East ...	1,06,508	8	2	1,93,312	0	5	86,833	8	3	...		
" West ...	56,859	5	0	55,073	9	6	...			1,785	11	6
Chittagong ...	1,16,111	0	0	1,63,864	0	0	47,753	0	0	...		
Cuttack ...	92,417	10	11	78,280	0	0	...			14,137	10	11
Dacca ...	1,46,013	14	4½	2,75,278	7	9	1,29,264	9	4½	...		
Dinagepore ...	87,381	8	5	1,25,442	5	4	38,060	12	11	...		
Furreedpore ...	34,128	8	8	50,112	3	0	15,713	10	4	...		
Gya	64,280	1	0	87,998	0	5	23,717	15	5	...		
Hooghly ...	1,02,527	9	7	1,73,467	0	0	70,939	6	5	...		
Jessore ..	1,55,579	4	11	3,01,280	10	0	1,48,701	5	1	...		
Midnapore ...	98,714	1	1	1,78,794	3	0	80,080	1	11	...		
Moorshedabad ...	83,075	0	0	1,37,944	0	0	54,869	0	0	...		
Mymensingh ...	1,16,551	7	4	2,33,415	14	1	1,16,891	6	9	...		
Nuddea ...	1,30,878	6	6	1,99,534	13	10	68,656	7	4	...		
Patna ...	78,037	4	10	1,07,122	11	3	29,085	6	5	...		
Purneah ...	76,686	5	1	97,444	12	4	20,758	7	3	.		
Rajshahye ...	1,00,465	15	1½	1,26,980	9	0	26,514	9	10½	...		
Rungpore ...	88,814	15	2	1,64,956	13	11	76,141	14	9	...		
Sarun ...	79,026	14	5	87,127	12	4	8,100	13	11	...		
Shahabad ...	71,251	6	8	95,482	6	9	24,231	0	1			
Tipperah ...	1,38,921	14	7	2,52,231	13	5	1,13,309	14	10	..		
Tirhoot ...	1,13,418	0	0	1,46,917	0	0	33,499	0	0	...		
24-Pergunnahs ...	2,05,579	0	0	2,80,910	0	0	75,331	0	0	...		
Total {Regulation Districts}	**25,93,717**	**10**	**9**	**40,15,875**	**5**	**5**	**14,39,911**	**2**	**6**	**17,753**	**7**	**10**
Chota Nagpore .	2,05,700	0	0	1,52,720	2	0	...			52,979	11	0
Cooch Behar .	1,28,899	0	0	32,835	10	0				96,063	6	0
Total {Non Regn. Districts}	**3,34,599**	**0**	**0**	**1,85,555**	**12**	**0**	...			**1,49,043**	**4**	**0**
Grand Total ..	**29,28,316**	**10**	**9**	**42,01,431**	**1**	**5**	**14,39,911**	**2**	**6**	**1,66,796**	**11**	**10**

S.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF SUCH PORTION OF THE SALARIES OF DISTRICT JUDGES AS IS PROPERLY DEBITABLE TO CIVIL COURTS.

DISTRICT.	Total Number of Days given to Judicial Work.	Number of Days given to Civil Work.	Total Amount of Judge's Salary.			Proportion debitable to Civil Courts.
			Rs.	A.	P.	
Backergunge ...	248	134	25,039	3	1	13,529
Beerbhoom ...	239	116	30,000	0	0	14,560
Bhaugulpore ...	264	182	30,000	0	0	20,681
Burdwan, East ...	229	164	25,700	0	0	18,405
Burdwan, West ...	247	213	23,157	15	10	19,969
Chittagong ...	241	104	30,000	0	0	12,946
Cuttack ...	227	128	32,773	12	10	18,479
Dacca ...	240	162	24,000	0	0	16,200
Dinagepore ...	198	114	19,853	0	0	11,430
Furreedpore ...	75	55	7,843	5	4	5,751
Gya ...	260	95	23,957	2	4	8,753
Hooghly ...	228	180	16,486	11	2	13,015
Jessore ...	239	122	25,500	0	0	13,016
Midnapore ...	256	143	30,000	0	0	16,757
Moorshedabad ...	232	125	23,500	0	0	12,661
Mymensingh ...	231½	125	25,821	14	11	13,972
Nuddea ...	253	129	27,826	0	0	14,187
Patna ...	246	146	30,000	0	0	17,204
Purneah ...	230	191	29,705	9	0	24,668
Rajshahye ...	274	71	23,941	15	0	6,202
Rungpore ...	229	67	18,585	15	2	5,437
Sarun ...	241	199	31,633	5	4	26,120
Shahabad ...	249	155	30,148	5	3	18,766
Tipperah ...	237	160	30,000	0	0	20,253
Tirhoot ..	234	154	30,000	0	0	19,743
24-Pergunnahs ...	230	221	30,000	0	0	28,826
Total ...	**6,077½**	**3,655**	**6,75,474**	**3**	**3**	**4,12,131**
Non-Regulation Provinces ...	...	...	70,944	0	0	.....

Receipts of the Civil Courts, Regulation and Non-Regulation Districts					Rs.	42,01,431	1	5
Total cost of Civil Courts in Regulation Districts	Rs.	25,93,717	10	9				
Deduct portion of salaries debitable to work other than Civil ...	„	2,63,343	3	3				
Net cost in Regulation Provinces ...	„	23,30,374	7	6				
Add cost of Civil Courts in Non-Regulation Districts after deduction of two-thirds of salaries as explained before	„	1,11,533	0	0	„	24,41,907	7	6
		Surplus			Rs.	17,59,523	9	11

T.

STATISTICS OF THE

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Area: Square Miles.	Population: Souls.	Number & Grades of Courts. Judge.	Addl. Judge.	Sub. Judge.	Moonsiffs.	Small Cause Courts.	Cost of Courts.	Number of Ori (Insti Small Cause Court.	Rent.
BURDWAN	Burdwan, East	3,523	20,34,745	1	..	2	8	...	1,06,508 8 2	6,204	7,356
	„ West	1,346	5,26,772	1	...	..	3	...	56,859 5 0	1,253	1,903
	Beerbhoom	1,344	6,95,921	1	...	1	3	...	58,286 3 1	1,785	1,568
	Midnapore	5,082	25,40,963	1	...	1	7	1	98,714 1 1	7,398	6,879
	Hooghly	1,424	14,88,556	1	1	1	8	3	1,02,527 9 7	5,743	5,516
	Total of Division	12,719	72,86,957	5	1	5	29	4	4,22,895 10 11	22,473	23,222
RAJSHAHYE	Dinagepore	5,939	21,78,350	1	...	1	9	...	87,381 8 5	8,567	2,779
	Rajshahye	4,200	25,22,323	1	...	2	5	2	1,00,465 15 1½	7,063	2,533
	Rungpore	4,977	28,39,439	1	...	1	9	.	88,814 15 2	10,232	4,236
	Total of Division	15,116	75,40,112	3	...	4	23	2	2,76,662 6 8½	25,862	9,548
PRESIDENCY	24-Pergunnahs	2,788	22,10,047	1	2	2	12	3	2,05,579 0. 0	12,058	9,688
	Nuddea	3,421	18,12,795	1	...	1	7	5	1,30,878 6 6	10,309	5,092
	Jessore	3,658	20,75,021	1	1	1	10	4	1,55,579 4 11	13,518	12,280
	Moorshedabad	2,578	13,53,626	1	.	1	5	1	83,075 0 0	5,254	5,198
	Total of Division	12,445	74,51,489	4	3	5	34	13	5,75,111 11 5	41,139	32,258
COOCH BEHAR	Cooch Behar	5,447	10,45,942	2	...	...	1	1	1,28,899 0 0	2,133	...
DACCA	Dacca	2,897	18,52,993	1	1	2a	12b	4c	1,46,013 14 4½	18,650	8,118
	Furreedpore	1,496	10,12,589	1	...	1	6	2	34,428 8 8	2,366	1,286
	Backergunge	4,935	23,77,433	1	1	2	7	1	94,452 15 11	3,828	7,626
	Mymensingh	6,293	23,49,917	1	..	2	11	...	1,16,554 7 4	12,453	3,166
	Tipperah	4,212	22,47,865	1	..	2	15d	...	1,38,921 14 7	9,581	10,302
	Total of Division	19,833	98,40,797	5	2	9	51	7	5,30,371 12 10½	46,878	30,528
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	2,498	11,27,402	1	...	2	12	...	1,16,111 0 0	4,590	5,043
PATNA	Patna	2,101	15,52,638	1	1	2	4	3	78,037 4 10	743	1,766
	Gya	4,718	19,49,750	1	...	1	3	...	64,280 1 0	1,171	548
	Shahabad	4,385	17,23,974	1	...	1	4	...	71,251 6 8	1,426	2,348
	Tirhoot	6,343	43,84,706	1	1	1	6	...	1,13,418 0 0	2,267	1,958
	Sarun	6,185	35,04,675	1	...	1	4	...	79,026 14 5	1,627	2,010
	Total of Division	23,732	1,31,22,743	5	2	6	21	3	4,06,013 10 11	7,234	8,630
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore	13,728	48,98,563	1	...	2	5	2	97,447 5 11	6,339	3,628
	Purneah	4,957	17,14,795	1	...	1	5	..	76,686 5 1	3,500	3,724
	Total of Division	18,685	66,13,358	2	...	3	10	2	1,74,133 11 0	9,839	7,352
ORISSA	Cuttack	7,717	30,34,690	1	...	1	4	1	92,417 10 11	4,614	...
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	28,482	34,19,591	1	..	4	10	...	2,05,700 0 0	3,765	...
	Grand Total	1,46,674	6,04,83,081	29	8	39	195	33	29 28,316 10 9	1,68,557	1,16,581

CIVIL COURTS, 1875.

GINAL SUITS TUTIONS). Others.	Total.	Ratio of Suits to Population, (per cent)	Total Value of Suits (in Regular Courts).	Stamps and Court Fees Realized.	Number of Regular Appeals (instituted).	Miscellaneous Cases instituted (confined to Cases requiring a Judicial Finding and Order).	Miscellaneous Appeals Instituted.	Remarks.
2,456	16,106	·7	30,86,931	1;93,342 0 5	855	14,491	66	
1,157	4,313	·8	2,74,809	55,073 9 6	253	6,845	39	
755	4,108	·5	5,34,327	56,456 1 8	301	5,161	42	
1,693	15,970	·6	15,62,051	1,78,794 3 0	799	13,912	55	
1,366	12,625	8	12,27,363	1,78,467 0 0	659	9,057	79	
7,427	**53,122**	**7**	**66.85,481**	**6 57,132 14 7**	**2.867**	**49,466**	**281**	
757	12,103	·5	10,12,550	1,25,442 5 4	401	7,102	26	
528	10,124	·4	9,55,921	1,26,980 9 0	674	6,357	78	
607	15,075	·5	11,77,415	1,64,956 13 11	704	7,573	70	
1,892	**37,302**	**·4**	**31,45,886**	**4,17,379 12 3**	**1,779**	**21,032**	**174**	
2,226	23,972	1·0	28,07,244	2,80,710 0 0	1,082	15,489	53	
1,172	16,574	·9	7,71,399	1,99,534 13 10	644	8,366	56	
2,107	27,905	1 3	12,24,669	3,04,280 10 0	931	17,280	67	
928	11,380	·8	13,26,126	1,37,944 0 0	314	8,201	33	
6,434	**79,831**	**1 0**	**61,29,438**	**9,22,669 7 10**	**2,971**	**49,336**	**209**	
201	2,334	2	2,34,827	32,835 10 0	59	859	9	
2,852	29,650	1·6	18,89,178	2,75,278 7 9	1,485	16,318	93	(a). The Second Subordinate Judge held office from 13th December 1875
288	3,940	·3	17,87,444	50,112 3 0	134	3,287	20	(b). Six of these Moonsiffs, and—
1 012	12,466	·5	10,28,613	1,40,474 14 8	790	11,627	72	(c). Two of these Small Cause Courts were transferred to Furreedpore from 1st August 1875
2,421	18,040	·7	23,82,534	2,33,445 14 1	1,124	15,557	111	
2,687	22,570	1·0	20,20,930	2,52,231 13 5	1,707	16,363	152	(d). Six of these are Additional Moonsiffs.
9 260	**86,666**	**8**	**74.99,999**	**9,51.573 4 11**	**5.240**	**63,152**	**448**	
3,359	12·092	1 1	9,59,983	1,63,864 0 0	1,348	13,834	99	
866	3,375	·2	14,66,869	1,07,122 11 3	648	7,667	84	
449	2,168	·1	37,62,858	87,998 0 5	416	3,723	·78	
971	4,745	·2	10,31,052	95,482 6 9	626	5,047	48	
1,120	5 345	·1	16,90,832	1,46,917 0 0	617	7,234	91	
755	4,392	·1	16,08,241	87,127 12 4	678	6,062	41	
4,161	**20 025**	**1**	**95.59.852**	**5.24,647 14 9**	**3.015**	**29,733**	**342**	
1,376	11,343	·2	31,25,078	2,02,883 2 9	1,316	6,305	107	
457	7,681	·4	8,30.610	97,444 12 4	400	6,038	35	
1.833	**19,024**	**·2**	**39.55,688**	**3,00.327 15 1**	**1,716**	**12,343**	**138**	
2,009	6,653	·2	10,84,023	78,280 0 0	339	4 610	17	
871	4,636	·1	12,02,297	1,52,720 2 0	393	6,576	58	
37,447	**3 22.585**	**·5**	**4,04.57,474**	**4.201,431 1 5**	**19,727**	**2 50 941**	**1,775**	

U.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF AMEENS, 1875-76.

DISTRICT.	PERMANENT AMEENS. Receipts.			PERMANENT AMEENS. Disbursements.			TEMPORARY AMEENS. Receipts			TEMPORARY AMEENS. Disbursements.			Fees paid for the employment of Moonsiffs as Commissioners.			Number of Permanent Ameens with Grades.
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	1st G. 2nd G.
Backergunge	3,183	0	0	2,771	0	0	...			...			...			1 + 4a
Beerbhoom	363	0	0	1,461	0	0	..			...			...			1 + 1
Bhaugulpore	2,589	0	0	2,280	0	0	...			...			...			2 + 1b
Burdwan, East	137	0	0	1,695	2	6	..			...			...			0 + 2
" West	417	0	0	840	0	0	...			...			10	0	0	1 + 0
Chittagong...	2,508	0	0	1,680	0	0	105	0	0	..						2 + 0
Cuttack	2,581	8	0	2,010	0	0	...			...			100	0	0	1 + 2
Dacca ...	2,648	4	0	1,905	0	0	1,207	0	0	1,008	0	10	20	0	0	1 + 1
Dinagepore ..	1,124	0	0	1,440	0	0	...			...			40	0	0	1 + 1
Furreedpore	1,003	0	0	705	0	0	...			...			20	0	0	1 + 1
Gya ...	378	0	0	500	0	0	...			..			60	0	0	0 + 1
Hooghly ...	1,374	6	0	1,410	0	0	...			..			20	0	0	1 + 1h
Jessore ...	3,016	6	0	2,638	11	3	..			...			20	0	0	1 + 3
Midnapore ...	1,467	0	0	1,440	0	0	...			...			...			1 + 1
Moorshedabad.	835	0	0	1,500	0	0	...			...			...			1 + 2g
Mymensingh ..	2,892	0	0	2,670	0	0	...			...			360	0	0	2 + 2d
Nuddea ..	1,013	0	0	1,200	0	0	...			...			50	0	0	0 + 2
Patna ...	828	0	0	840	0	0	...			..			...			1 + 0
Purneah ...	780	8	0	1,335	1	6	...			...			...			1 + 1e
Rajshahye .	1,966	0	0	2,040	0	0	...			...			...			1 + 2
Rungpore ...	1,332	0	0	2,540	0	0	...			...			30	0	0	1 + 3i
Sarun ...	220	5	0	2,831	9	3	...			...			...			..
Shahabad ...	1,666	8	0	1,243	8	0	...			...			...			0 + 2
Tipperah .	3,839	8	0	3,955	7	5	1,835	8	0	1,366	1	0	10	0	0	1 + 5e
Tirhoot ..	2,170	2	0	3,177	8	0	...			...			...			1 + 4
24-Pergunnahs.	1,677	0	0	2,093	1	0	...			...			10	0	0	2 + 1f
Chota Nagpore.	2,655	8	0	2,380	8	7	...			...			10	0	0	0 + 4
Cooch Behar	246	0	0	600	0	0	.			...			...			0 + 1
Total ...	**45,640**	**15**	**0**	**51,183**	**6**	**6**	**3,147**	**8**	**0**	**2,374**	**1**	**10**	**760**	**0**	**0**	**25 + 48**

Add 10 per cent. on account of pensions	5,118	5	5
	56,301	11	11

(a) Of these four, one was abolished from 1st August 1875
(b) The 2nd Grade Ameen has been abolished with reference to C. O. No. 1, dated 15th January 1876.
(c) The 1st Grade Ameen was abolished on the 18th February 1876
(d) One of the 1st Grade Ameens has retired on pension from 1st January 1876
(e) Besides these permanent Ameens, four extra Ameens were employed, *viz*, two in the 1st Grade and two in the 2nd Grade.
(f) There were three Ameens at the commencement of the financial year, *viz*, two of the 1st Grade and one of the 2nd Grade The services of the 2nd Grade Ameen were dispensed with from 1st September 1875, and of a 1st Grade Ameen from 1st April 1876, leaving only one 1st Grade Ameen.
(g) One 1st Grade Ameen employed from 1st April to July 1875.
(h) The post of one 2nd Grade Ameen remained vacant during the year
(i) The services of two 2nd Grade Ameens were dispensed with from the 1st March 1876.

V.

STATISTICS OF LOCAL ENQUIRIES.

Scale of Values.	No.	Aggregate Value			Average Value.			Aggregate cost of local enquiry only.			Average cost of local enquiry.			Average time occupied in enquiry
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Cases not exceeding Rs. 5	181	743	14	6	4	1	9	1,562	5	7	8	10	1	3¼ days
Cases not exceeding Rs. 20 ...	442	6,059	10	5	13	11	4	4,367	14	8	9	14	1	4½ „
Cases not exceeding Rs. 50	445	14,711	15	5	33	0	11	4,600	3	6	10	5	5	5½ „
Cases not exceeding Rs. 100 ...	452	30,770	6	4	68	1	2	5,681	9	1	12	9	1	7¼ „
Cases not exceeding Rs. 500 ...	573	1,22,491	4	7	213	12	4	11,153	14	0	19	7	5	7¾ „
Cases not exceeding Rs. 1,000	144	1,07,425	8	11	746	0	0	5,221	11	6	36	4	2	10¾ „
Cases exceeding Rs. 1,000 ...	149	9,78,181	9	11	6,564	15	7	10,262	3	11	68	13	11	21¾ „

W.

DETAIL OF COURTS AND ORIGINAL SUITS, WITH COST OF ESTABLISHMENT AND RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF STAMPS AND FEES.

DISTRICT	COURT.	No. of Suits.	Cost of Establishment.			Stamps and Fees.			Surplus.			Deficit.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Backergunge	Small Cause Court	1,165	9,953	7	9	10,929	10	0	976	2	3	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	11,177	35,970	12	4	92,893	0	11	56,922	4	7	...		
	Subordinate Judge	124	9,482	14	3	21,794	0	0	12,311	1	9	..		
	Judge ...	...	39,045	13	7	14,858	3	9	...			24,187	9	10
	Additional Judge	...	...			..			...			...		
Beerbhoom ..	Moonsiffs ...	4,027	16,787	7	1	37,315	4	1	20,527	13	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	21	3,733	5	4	2,107	12	6	...			1,625	8	10
	Judge ...	60	37,765	6	8	17,033	1	1	...			20,732	5	7
Bhaugulpore ..	Small Cause Court	3,768	18,077	13	5	32,900	9	3	14,822	11	10	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	7,321	26,762	7	3	83,258	7	5	56,496	0	2	...		
	Subordinate Judge	240	11,707	8	9	61,275	14	1	49,568	5	4	...		
	Judge ...	14	40,899	8	6	25,448	4	0	...			15,451	4	6
Burdwan, East	Moonsiffs ...	15,955	39,918	4	5	1,49,025	5	11	1,09,077	1	6	...		
	Subordinate Judge	151	21,148	9	9	29,190	10	0	8,042	0	3	...		
	Judge ...	...	45,411	10	0	15,126	0	6	...			30,285	9	6
Burdwan, West.	Moonsiffs ...	4,295	25,223	9	2	50,741	0	3	25,517	7	1	...		
	Subordinate Judge	...	.			...			...			...		
	Judge ...	18	31,635	11	10	4,332	9	3	...			27,303	2	7
Chittagong .	Moonsiffs ...	12,936	60,756	0	0	1,34,217	0	0	73,461	0	0	..		
	Subordinate Judge	55	18,605	0	0	12,434	0	0	..			6,171	0	0
	Judge ...	1	36,750	0	0	17,213	0	0	...			19,537	0	0
Cuttack ..	Small Cause Court	1,990	18,616	0	0	28,932	0	0	10,316	0	0	..		
	Moonsiffs ...	4,572	24,240	0	0	42,871	0	0	18,631	0	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	91	...						...			..		
	Judge ...	.	49,561	10	11	6,477	0	0	...			43,084	10	11
Dacca ...	Small Cause Court	5,493	17,761	5	7½	44,990	9	3	27,229	3	7½	..		
	Moonsiffs ...	23,945	50,702	14	11	1,75,410	15	6	1,24,708	0	7	...		
	Subordinate Judge	212	13,471	14	1	40,747	12	6	27,275	14	5	...		
	Additional Judge	...	24,980	0	0	2,305	0	0	...			22,675	0	0
	Judge ...	...	39,097	11	9	11,824	2	6	...			27,273	9	3
Dinagepore ...	Moonsiffs ...	12,048	44,089	15	3	1,09,513	4	0	65,423	4	9			
	Subordinate Judge	44	11,381	9	9	8,595	3	11				2,786	5	10
	Judge ...	11	31,909	15	5	7,333	13	5	...			24,576	2	0
Furreedpore..	Moonsiffs ...	3,361	19,713	1	4	38,961	5	0	19,248	3	8	...		
	Subordinate Judge	18	...			...			..			...		
	Small Cause Court	561	5,173	0	6	7,362	10	0	2,189	9	6	.		
	Judge ...	...	9,542	6	10	3,818	4	0	.			5,724	2	10
Gya ...	Moonsiffs ...	1,943	15,963	3	8	33,527	2	10	17,563	15	2	..		
	Subordinate Judge	225	11,868	8	0	42,182	7	0	30,313	15	0	...		
	Judge ...	...	36,448	5	4	12,288	6	7	...			24,159	14	9
Hooghly ...	Small Cause Court	2,967	19,886	3	3	20,661	7	0	775	3	9	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	9,493	39,882	6	8	98,360	5	0	58,477	14	4			
	Subordinate Judge	165	12,414	13	9	34,215	9	0	21,800	11	3	...		
	Additional Judge	...	...			...			...					
	Judge ...	...	30,344	1	11	20,229	11	0	...			10,114	6	11
Jessore ...	Small Cause Court	11,509	37,724	13	3	92,427	8	0	54,702	10	9	..		
	Moonsiffs ...	16,304	60,326	15	10	1,74,781	3	0	1,14,454	3	2	..		
	Subordinate Judge	92	12,316	13	0	16,454	15	0	4,138	2	0			
	Additional Judge	..	849	11	0	...			...			849	11	0
	Judge ...	...	44,360	15	10	20,617	0	0				23,743	15	10
Midnapore ...	Small Cause Court	823	..			.			...					
	Moonsiffs ...	15,002	42,397	4	0	1,20,018	3	0	77,620	15	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	145	11,816	9	0	47,192	15	0	35,376	6	0			
	Judge ...	...	44,500	4	1	11,583	1	0	...			32,917	3	1
Moorshedabad	Small Cause Court	277	..						..			..		
	Moonsiffs ...	10,955	32,617	0	0	94,679	0	0	62,062	0	0	..		
	Subordinate Judge	148	12,159	0	0	42,241	0	0	30,082	0	0			
	Judge ...	...	38,299	0	0	1,024	0	0	...			37,275	0	0

W.

DETAIL OF COURTS AND ORIGINAL SUITS, WITH COST OF ESTABLISHMENT AND RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF STAMPS AND FEES—concluded.

DISTRICT.	COURT.	No. of Suits.	Cost of Establishment.			Stamps and Fees			Surplus.			Deficit.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Mymensingh...	Moonsiffs ...	17,931	54,820	2	9	1,89,684	14	5	1,34,864	11	8	...		
	Subordinate Judge	109	20,909	13	7	24,053	3	8	3,143	6	1	.		
	Judge	...	40,824	7	0	19,707	12	0	..			21,116	11	0
Nuddea ...	Small Cause Court	8,669	30,291	4	6	65,518	4	0	35,226	15	6	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	7,806	47,134	9	8	1,03,962	9	0	56,827	15	4	...		
	Subordinate Judge	99	10,661	3	8	18,638	11	10	7,977	8	2	..		
	Additional Judge	...	...			...			...			...		
	Judge ...	...	42,791	4	8	11,415	5	0	...			31,375	15	8
Patna ...	Small Cause Court	909	1,270	1	6	7,717	0	8	6 446	14	9	...		
	Moonsiffs ...	3,128	15,033	3	4	41,135	5	0	29,102	1	8	...		
	Subordinate Judge	247	23,676	0	0	42,071	6	0	18,395	6	0	...		
	Judge ..	...	38,058	0	0	13,199	0	0	...			24,859	0	0
Purneah ...	Moonsiffs ...	7,578	24,894	7	6	68,919	3	0	44,024	11	6	...		
	Subordinate Judge	103	11,013	9	10	22,963	14	0	11,050	4	2	...		
	Judge ...	...	40,778	3	9	6,461	11	4	...			34,316	8	5
Rajshahye ...	Small Cause Court	1,820	5,796	4	0	6,580	11	0	784	7	0	...		
	Moonsiffs ..	8,189	31,215	4	2	83,177	9	0	51,962	4	10	...		
	Subordinate Judge	115	20,845	2	8	26,640	5	0	5,795	2	4	.		
	Judge ...	...	42,609	4	3½	10,582	0	0	...			32,027	4	3½
Rungpore ..	Moonsiffs ...	15,008	44,972	7	7	1,37,940	2	8	92,967	11	1	...		
	Subordinate Judge	67	12,147	12	7	16,241	4	3	4,093	7	8	...		
	Judge ...	...	31,694	11	0	10,775	7	0	...			20,919	4	0
Sarun ...	Small Cause Court	...	...			...			..			...		
	Moonsiffs ...	4,225	21,436	11	2	51,430	11	10	29,994	0	8	...		
	Subordinate Judge	167	12,291	15	5	24,817	4	0	12,525	4	7	...		
	Judge ...	...	45,298	3	10	10,879	12	6	...			34,418	7	4
Shahabad ...	Moonsiffs ...	4,631	20,986	12	3	55,531	0	3	34,544	4	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	114	9,559	6	9	26,734	5	9	17,174	15	0	...		
	Judge ...	...	40,705	3	8	13,217	0	9	...			27,488	2	11
Tipperah ...	Moonsiffs .	22,450				2,15,764	2	5						
	Subordinate Judge	120	1,38,921	14	7	19,512	8	0	1,13,309	14	10	...		
	Judge ...	...				16,955	3	0						
Tirhoot ...	Moonsiffs ...	4,994	24,865	0	0	67,663	0	0	42,798	0	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	351	14,670	0	0	59,678	0	0	45,008	0	0	...		
	Additional Judge	...	28,628	0	0	2,568	0	0	...			26,060	0	0
	Judge ...	...	45,255	0	0	17,008	0	0	...			28,247	0	0
24-Pergunnahs.	Small Cause Court	4,493	19,518	0	0	30,648	0	0	11,130	0	0	...		
	Moonsiffs ..	19,240	57,368	0	0	1,63,444	0	0	1,06,066	0	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	211	20,806	0	0	54,928	0	0	34,122	0	0	...		
	Additional Judge	...	58,893	0	0	886	0	0	...			58,007	0	0
	Judge ...	...	48,984	0	0	31,004	0	0	...			17,980	0	0
Cooch Behar	Small Cause Court	631	...			..			...			...		
	Moonsiffs ...	1,680	34,006	0	0	17,662	0	0	...			16,344	0	0
	Subordinate Judge	23	51,525	0	0	12,801	0	0	...			38,724	0	0
	Judge ...	...	43,368	0	0	2,372	10	0	...			40,995	6	0
Chota Nagpore.	Moonsiffs ..	4,429	43,027	0	0	47,343	7	0	4,316	7	0	...		
	Subordinate Judge	206	1,25,242	0	0	95,463	11	0	...			29,779	5	0
	Judge	1	37,431	0	0	9,914	0	0	...			27,517	0	0
	Total ...	3,23,466	29,28,316	10	9	42,01,431	1	5	21,83,763	2	6½	9,10,648	11	10½

X.

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT.

(APPELLATE SIDE.)

	Remaining from 1874.	Filed in 1875.	Disposed of in 1875	Remaining at close of 1875.	Days of sittings, with number of judges. Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Other Judges.
I.—Regular Appeals ..	381	329	266	444				
References to the Full Bench	...	...	...	..	1	4	4	1
Appeals to the Court at large under Section 15 of the Letters Patent .	...	..	...	.	22	3	6	1
Reviews ...	.	...	...	.	27	3	5	1
					10	3	4	1
					25	2	6	1
II.—Special Appeals .. .	2,588	2,966	2,326	3,228	25	2	5	1
References to the Full Bench	2	5	6	1	5	2	4	1
Appeals to the Court at large under Section 15 of the Letters Patent ..	9	121	70	60	2	2	3	1
Reviews	6	11	14	3	2	2	2	1
					2	2	2	...
III.—Miscellaneous Appeals .. Regular ...	227	265	357	135	40	1	6	1
Special ...	78	135	128	85	1	1	6	...
References to the Full Bench	...	...	...	...	15	1	5	1
					1	1	5	.
Appeals to the Court at large under Section 15 of the Letters Patent	2	...	2	...	†218 12	1	4	1
					1	1	4	..
Reviews ...	..	...	...	...	2	1	3	1
					1	1	3	...
IV.—References under Moffussil Small Cause Court Acts	3	15	15	3	3	1	2	1
					3	1	2	...
V.—Divorce Cases	...	5	4	1	1	1	1	1
					22	1	1	...
VI. Appeals from British Burmah ..	3	1	2	2	2	1	...	1
References from British Burmah ..	...	1	1	...	2	1	...	...
					5	...	5	1
VII.—Criminal Cases	75	1,159	1,154	80	2	...	4	1
					9	..	2	...
VIII.—Miscellaneous orders in Court	260	2,147	2,123	284	4	...	1	1
					1	..	1	...
IX.—Miscellaneous orders out of Court	.	*347	347	...				

* These figures indicate the number of orders passed out of Court on review of periodical returns (Civil and Criminal) and Sessions Statements, but do not include the orders passed on letters and references in the Administrative Department, which are extremely numerous and important, occupying much of the time of one of the Judges, and some of them being further considered by a Committee.

† It must not be forgotten that from this calculation the work done on the Original Side is excluded. During 1875 it amounted to 466 days

Y.

APPEALS, &c., INSTITUTED IN THE HIGH COURT.

(Shewing Divisions and Districts).

		CIVIL APPEALS.					CRIMINAL CASES.		
		REGULAR.		SPECIAL.					
		Rs. 10,000 AND UPWARDS.	BELOW Rs. 10,000.	EXCEEDING Rs. 50 IN VALUE.	NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 50 IN VALUE.	MISCELLANEOUS.	APPEAL.	REFERENCE.	REVISION.
CENTRAL DIVISION.									
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	6	10	98	72	23	41	3	18
	NUDDEA ...	2	7	40	39	10	33	1	13
	JESSORE ...	...	2	84	58	7	56	9	6
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	...	9	27	8	10	15	...	9
	Total ...	**8**	**28**	**249**	**177**	**50**	**145**	**13**	**46**
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	...	11	73	43	13	11	...	11
	„ WEST ...	...	4	42	30	6	6	1	...
	BEERBHOOM ...	2	7	17	10	6	15	...	7
	MIDNAPORE ...	3	12	44	20	12	40	8	11
	HOOGHLY ...	4	20	62	45	24	24	2	32
	Total ...	**9**	**54**	**238**	**148**	**61**	**96**	**11**	**61**
BRITISH BURMAH (RECORDERS) ...	RANGOON ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
	MOULMEIN ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	**1**	...	...	...	...	...	...
WESTERN DIVISION.									
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	5	17	101	34	32	15	...	29
	GYA ...	7	15	62	24	15	27	...	15
	SHAHABAD ...	2	4	65	43	12	29	1	10
	SARUN ...	9	13	131	101	36	7	1	6
	TIRHOOT ...	11	30	94	56	24	22	2	4
	Total ...	**34**	**79**	**453**	**258**	**119**	**100**	**4**	**64**
BHAUGULPORE	BHAUGULPORE ...	12	13	156	96	53	23	5	14
	PURNEAH ...	4	2	24	7	9	7	...	4
	Total ...	**16**	**15**	**180**	**103**	**62**	**30**	**5**	**18**
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	3	11	48	9	6	41	8	5
CUTTACK ...	CUTTACK ...		1	20	17	6	22	3	10
	Total ...	**3**	**12**	**68**	**26**	**12**	**63**	**11**	**15**
EASTERN DIVISION.									
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	3	10	118	100	21	54	2	23
	BACKERGUNGE ...	3	3	74	55	11	45	7	18
	MYMENSINGH ...	2	6	84	71	17	17	1	18
	TIPPERAH ...	2	4	72	93	6	26	1	8
	Total ...	**10**	**23**	**348**	**319**	**55**	**142**	**11**	**67**
RAJSHAHYE ...	DINAGEPORE ...	1	2	23	10	6	19	4	6
	RAJSHAHYE ...	...	3	41	69	10	43	7	15
	RUNGPORE ...	1	8	26	18	7	49	4	11
	COOCH BEHAR ...	...	1	13	2	...	8	...	3
	Total ...	**2**	**14**	**103**	**99**	**23**	**119**	**15**	**35**
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG ...	2	4	50	35	10	19	1	9
ASSAM ...	ASSAM ...	2	2	18	8	...	14	5	4
	SYLHET ...	...	4	43	38	8	27	5	10
	CACHAR ...	...	3	5	...	...	9	1	...
	Total ...	**2**	**9**	**66**	**46**	**8**	**50**	**11**	**14**

Z.

RESULT OF APPEALS, REVISIONS, &c., IN THE HIGH COURT.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.	
Regular Appeals.	District Judge ...	60	19	6	12	15	112	
	Subordinate Judge ...	78	33	9	22	12	154	
								266
Special Appeals.	District Judge ...	936	81	24	163	61	1,265	
	Subordinate Judge ...	725	73	16	180	67	1,061	
								2,326
Miscellaneous Appeals.	District Judge ...	181	40	14	23	9	267	
	Subordinate Judge ...	180	15	2	30	6	233	
								500
Criminal Appeals.	Court of Session ...	611	79	67	4	...		
Revision ...	Court of Session ...	31	20	2	...	...		
	Magistrate of District...	26	21	3	2	...		
	Other Magistrates ...	81	106	19	3	...		

The proportion "Affirmed" to the whole number heard, *i. e.*, excluding cases "Otherwise disposed of," is, under the first three heads, as follows:—

Regular Appeals ...	District Judge	62	per cent. affirmed.
	Subordinate Judge	55	" "
Special Appeals ...	District Judge	78	" "
	Subordinate Judge	73	" "
Miscellaneous Appeals* ...	District Judge	70	" "
	Subordinate Judge	79	" "

* Note.—The term Miscellaneous Appeals as applied to both District, and Subordinate Judges may be a little misleading. In the case of the latter the cases are almost entirely matters in execution of decrees; in respect of District Judges there are included various matters, such as Succession and Certificate cases, in which less turns on the discretion of the Lower Court. This is worth noticing, because the comparison is, as to Miscellaneous Appeals alone, less favourable to District than to Subordinate Judges.

STATEMENTS

CONNECTED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE YEAR 1875.

Prepared in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of India, Home Department, No. 511, dated 17th March 1870.

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1	*Vide* para. 2 of the Court's letter to Govt., No. 1637, dated the 21st July 1875.
2	Statement of offences reported, and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted for each offence.
3	Statement showing the general result of Criminal trials in the tribunals of various classes.
4	Statement showing the punishments inflicted by the various Criminal tribunals.
5	Statement showing the result of appeal and revision in Criminal cases.
6	Statement showing the number and description of Civil suits instituted in the Civil Courts.
7	Statement showing value of suits disposed of in the Civil and Revenue Courts.
8	Statement showing the general result of the trials of Civil suits in the Courts of Original jurisdiction.
9	Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts.
10	Statement showing the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts.
11	Statement showing the use of Jurors and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts.

THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT FORT WILLIAM IN BENGAL; *The 15th May 1876.*

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THE present Report on the Administration of Civil Justice has been drawn up on the same plan as that submitted last year, with this exception, that in the appended tables will be found, separately shewn, the statistics relating to those Civil Courts in Assam which are subject to the superintendence of the High Court, and that, where necessary, comments have been made upon these figures in the body of the Report. A report on the working of the High Court in its Original Jurisdiction is now for the first time included in accordance with the request of the Government of India in Home Department No. 755, dated 10th May 1875.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original.

At the commencement of 1876 there were pending 798 original civil suits, 5 divorce suits, 187 insolvent cases and 1 criminal case, and there were instituted during the year, 758 original civil suits, 4 divorce suits, 87 insolvent cases and 161 criminal cases.

	Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
1. Original suits including Vice-Admiralty—testamentary and intestate contentious cases	883	673
2. Divorce suits	3	6
3. Insolvent cases	90	174
4. Criminal cases	160	1

The number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number pending at the close of the year, will appear from the statement in the margin.

Petitions.

There were also disposed of during the year 263 petitions for probate and letters of administration, and about 1,804 interlocutory applications, such as applications for injunction, discovery of documents, executions, &c.

Appeals, and Small Cause Court references.

At the commencement of the year there were pending 11 appeals from the original side and 2 references from the Calcutta Small Cause Court, and there were filed during the year 30 appeals and 4 references from the Calcutta Small Cause Court. The number of appeals and references disposed of is given in the margin.

	Disposed of.	Pending at the last day of the year.
Appeals from Division Courts ...	34	7
References from Calcutta Small Cause Court	5	1

References to investigate accounts.

At the commencement of the year there were also pending 94 references to investigate accounts, to make enquiries, &c., and 165 fresh references were directed during the year. Of these 55 were disposed of by a Judge, and 105 were disposed of by the Registrar on the original side.

Judges' time occupied.

For the hearing of original civil cases 2 Judges sat simultaneously on 3 days, and one Judge sat alone on 211 days.

For references to investigate accounts, &c., two Judges sat simultaneously on 2 days and one Judge sat alone on 29 days.

For criminal trials two Judges sat simultaneously on 2 days and one Judge sat alone on 62 days.

For appeals from the original side and references from the Calcutta Small Cause Court, the Chief Justice and the two Puisne Judges sat on one day, and the Chief Justice and one Puisne Judge sat on 42 days.

Income.

The fees realized on the original side during the year were as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Commission of the Accountant General of the Court ...	11,374	7	7
Of the receiver	23,625	12	8
Fines from jurors	1,010	0	0
Fees levied by means of stamps	1,97,532	10	0
Probate and administration duty	1,77,937	8	0
TOTAL Rs.	4,11,480	6	3

Cost of establishment.

The cost of the establishment during the year, including contingent expenses, amounted to Rs. 1,87,087.

II.—REGULAR COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

Original cases instituted, disposed of, and pending, 1874-75.

The steady increase in litigation in the Lower Provinces of Bengal has formed a frequent subject of remark. In last year's Report it was noticed that a temporary decrease observable in 1874 had been followed by a very marked increase in 1875. The exceptional circumstances of many districts owing to the famine in the former year were cited as in part accounting for the result. In the past year no such exceptional circumstances have been reported, and the increase shewn in the returns relating to the Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal may be attributed to the normal increase in the population, the greater distribution of wealth, the better education of the people, and the keener appreciation by them of their rights.

In 1875 the increase in the business of the Regular Courts was represented by 36,209 suits, and in the Small Cause Courts by 7,751 suits. Comparing 1876 with 1875, the corresponding figures were 13,252 and 2,348 respectively. The following table shows the total number of suits instituted in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in each of these classes of Courts during each of the past three years:—

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Regular	242,182	278,391	291,643
Small Cause Courts	37,324	45,075	47,423
TOTAL ...	279,506	323,466	339,066

On a reference to the detailed statements it will be found that the increase in litigation has been very generally distributed throughout the Lower Provinces, and that a decrease has occurred in the districts of Burdwan (East and West), Midnapore and Chota Nagpore only. The pressure has been greatest in the districts named in the margin where the figures given indicate the increase in the number of suits in the Regular Courts of each district. Speaking generally, the Presidency and the Dacca divisions may be said to be those where the growth of litigation is most rapid.

24-Pergunnas ...	3,027
Dinagepore ...	1,410
Dacca and Fureedpore ...	2,036
Tipperah ...	1,445
Bhaugulpore ...	1,058

In last year's report a detailed analysis was given shewing the districts in which suits are most numerous, in the order of their importance. In the past year the following were the districts in the Lower Provinces in which, includ-

ing the figures for Small Cause Courts, more than 20,000 suits were filed; these are the same as in 1876:—

Jessore	... 28,992	24-Pergunnas	... 27,082
Dacca	... 21,133	Tipperah	... 24,015

Similarly, the following districts had more than 15,000 suits:—

Mymensingh	... 18,667	Rungpore	. 15,821
Nuddea	... 16,161	Burdwan, East	... 15,359

The districts with the smallest number of suits are—

West Burdwan	.. 3,389	Gya ...	... 2,279
Cooch Behar	..	... 3,095	

On turning to Table D it will be found that in the 24-Pergunnas and Dinagepore both rent suits and the Small Cause Court class of cases increased. Cases of the "other class" decreased in all the districts named above, except in the 24-Pergunnas. In Tippera, Dacca and Fureedpore, the increase was chiefly in the Small Cause Court class of cases. In Bhaugulpore it was in rent suits, which are reported to have been filed in great numbers, especially in Monghyr. A probable cause of the decrease in rent suits will be noticed further on.

In the Small Cause Courts the chief increase of business occurred in the Cuttack and Hooghly Districts, and to a less extent in Patna and Darjeeling. In the Nuddea District there was a somewhat marked falling off in the number of suits filed.

Assam.

In Assam the total number of suits instituted was 19,779 only as compared with 20,811 in 1875. Against a decrease of 366 cases in the Assam Valley districts is to be placed an increase of 287 cases in Cachar. It is therefore in Sylhet that the chief decrease in the number of institutions occurred. The Judge explains that the falling off is in part due to the unsuitable manner in which a re-distribution of jurisdiction has been made between the Courts of the several Moonsifs. The result is, however, in his opinion chiefly attributable to a short harvest necessitating the importation of rice into Sylhet. "Large sums of "money were therefore exported from the district, and the people were in "consequence more chary of spending money on law-suits."

Disposals.

The total number of suits disposed of in the Courts of the Lower Provinces during the year under review was 346,007, or 25,119 more than in the previous year. It is satisfactory to find that the Courts have succeeded in keeping pace with the increase of work. This result has been, however, rendered possible only by the employment during a portion of the year of an extra staff of Moonsifs, 20 of whom were employed for a period of about 3½ months.

In Assam the number of suits disposed of was 20,193 against 21,311 in the previous year. The decrease occurred chiefly in Sylhet, while in Cachar the increase in the number of institutions was met by increased disposals, and there was no accumulation of arrears.

At the close of the year the number of suits of all kinds pending in the Lower Provinces was 40,416, and in Assam 2,289. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 43,493 and 2,490, respectively. These results may be deemed satisfactory.

Suits and appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1876.

In all the districts which were mentioned in the report for 1875 as showing an increase in long pending cases there has been a marked improvement. Thus in Gya the file of appeals pending more than one year was reduced from 74 to 16, in Mymensingh from 91 to 34. In Chittagong from 70 to 11. The only other districts in which a difficulty has been found in reducing the files to order are Patna and Rajshahye. The general result for Bengal as shewn in the margin is favourable, considering that the Courts were closed for some days at the end of the year in honour of the proclamation of the Queen's assump-

	1875.	1876.
Original cases ...	204	135
Appeals	392	175

Suits in the Revenue Courts are included here, for the purpose of comparison with the figures of previous years. In the figured statements they are omitted as regards the figures of the current year.

tion of the title of Empress of India. In Assam 2 original suits and 3 appeals only had been pending at the close of the year for more than 12 months.

Number and value of suits instituted in 1872 to 1876.
See Statement C.

In Statement C will be found a comparison of the number of suits instituted in the Regular Courts during each of the past five years, and the value involved in litigation in the first and the last of these years. From this it will be observed that the number of institutions has risen from 226,512 in 1872 to 291,643 in 1876, and that the value involved has increased in the same period from Rs. 4,01,04,081 to Rs. 4,79,78,629. The districts in which there was an increase in the number of suits filed in the past year do not, in every case, shew a corresponding increase in the value. Thus, in the 24-Pergunnas and Tippera, with an increase in the number of suits, there was a decrease in value of nearly Rs. 11 lakhs. On the other hand, in the districts of Dacca and Fureedpore, there was an increase of over Rs. 12 lakhs. In the districts of Midnapore, Patna and Tirhoot, there was an increase of upwards of Rs. 21 lakhs, Rs. 15 lakhs and Rs. 11 lakhs respectively. In Mymensingh there was a very marked decrease of over Rs. 10 lakhs.

On a reference to the statements appended to this report, it will be found that details have not been furnished regarding the whole number of cases instituted and disposed of. The chief reason of the discrepancies which will thus be observed to exist between the totals of several statements is the fact that the records of 1828 cases instituted and of 1,582 cases disposed of in the Backergunge district were destroyed by the late cyclone there. The absence of detailed information regarding these will not, however, materially affect the general conclusions to be drawn from the figures furnished.

Including Small Cause Courts, the total number of cases disposed of in the Civil Courts in the Lower Provinces details of which are known, was 3,44,383, and the total value in dispute Rs. 5,08,18,544. Of these the value in dispute did not exceed Rs. 1,000 in 340,471 cases, and it exceeded Rs. 10,000 in only 376 cases, the corresponding figures for the previous year were 317,239 suits not exceeding Rs. 1,000 in amount, and 257 exceeding Rs. 10,000. The average value of the former class of cases was thus Rs. 82 in 1876 against Rs. 56 in 1875. The preponderance of small suits in the districts of Bengal Proper which was noticed last year, is still observable. The usual comparative statement of the value of suits disposed of will be found further on in the report.

In Assam the total number of suits disposed of, regarding which details are given, was 19,839, in only 312 of which did the value in dispute exceed Rs. 500. The total value of all these cases decided was Rs. 22,70,269, against Rs. 22,95,168 in the previous year. The fact stated by the Judge of Sylhet, that in 1876 pauper suits valued at Rs. 1,30,000 had been instituted, deserves mention here.

Classed according to the nature of the case, the suits instituted during the past and previous years were as follows:—

	1875.	1876.
Small Cause Court class	170,150	177,493
Rent suits	116,585	123,507
Other class	36,731	36,271

Classification of suits instituted in 1872 to 1876.
See Statement D.

Of the cases entered as Small Cause Court class above, 47,423 were instituted in the Small Cause Courts in 1876 against 45,075 in 1875. Excluding these, Statement D gives the details of 289,815 cases instituted in the Regular Civil Courts of the Lower Provinces in 1876, and contains a comparative view of the progress of litigation in each district for the past five years. The general result is to shew that while in 1872 the total number of suits filed in the Regular Courts was only 226,321, in the course of the four years following there has been an increase in business of nearly 30 per cent. on the whole. As observed in last year's report, the frequent changes which have been made in the boundaries of certain districts prevent a useful comparison of the figures relating to them in detail. Taking those relating to others, however, where the dis-

S. C. Cf. class suits ...	217 p. c.
Rent suits ...	33 p. c.
Other class	24 p. c.

turbing element has not to be allowed for, it is to be observed that last year, the 24-Pergunnas had 22,478 cases against 15,108 in 1872, Rungpore 15,821 against 11,872, Rajshahye 8,593 against 5,996, Dinagepore 13,513 against 10,044, and Bhaugulpore 8,633 against 6,912. To meet this great and permanent increase of work, it has become absolutely necessary to strengthen the staff of Moonsifs and an application has accordingly been submitted to the Government of Bengal requesting sanction to the appointment of 30 extra officers of that class.

In Assam during the same period of five years there has been a steady decline in the number of rent suits instituted, which was 1,287 last year against 2,048 in 1872. Cases of the Small Cause Court class have increased slightly, but taking suits of all kinds, business has on the whole decreased.

In the following districts cases of the Small Cause Court class were the most frequent:—

Dacca ...	... 15,825	Nuddea	... 9,635
24-Pergunnas	... 13,445	Dinagepore	... 9,428
Tipperah ...	... 10,894	Rungpore	... 9,271

Rent suits were most frequent in the following districts:—

		1876.	1875.
1.	Jessore	12,693	12,280
2.	24-Pergunnas	11,264	9,688
3.	Tipperah	10,616	10,302
4.	Burdwan, East	7,289	7,356
5.	Backergunge	6,947	7,626
6.	Midnapore	6,869	6,879

Dacca has disappeared from the above list owing to the constitution into a separate Judgeship of Fureedpore, where the greater portion of the rent suits were instituted. There is otherwise little change in the order in which, in successive years, the districts have followed each other.

The following is a list of districts arranged according to the number of "other suits" filed. It will be observed that there is little difference in the order in the past, as compared with the previous year:—

		1876.	1875.
1.	Chittagong	3,151	3,359
2.	Tipperah	2,505	2,687
3.	24-Pergunnas	2,373	2,226
4.	Mymensingh	2,321	2,421
5.	East Burdwan	2,297	2,456
6.	Jessore	2,156	2,107

The following statement shews the number and description of the various kind of suits for money or moveable property instituted in the Small Cause Courts, and those of a similar kind instituted in the Regular Courts during the past two years:—

Description of suits.	Small Cause Courts.		Regular Courts.	
	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
On written obligation	25,617	26,667	89,555	94,435
„ unwritten „	5,081	5,234	7,033	7,395
„ account stated	1,801	2,100	8,468	8,700
Money had and received	645	825	3,197	3,433
Goods sold	5,398	5,334	2,966	2,954
Breach of contract not mentioned above .	1,333	1,530	2,085	2,067
Rent not falling under the Rent Law .	1,840	2,573	1,138	1,480
Moveable property or value thereof ...	1,601	1,016	6,618	6,181
Damages	1,759	2,144	4,009	3,425
Total ...	45,075	47,423	125,075	130,070

The fact brought out by the above table, that the increase in the number of cases of the class triable by Small Cause Courts has been distributed over almost every description of suit, is very noteworthy, as indicating that the increase of business is the result, not of temporary pressure, but of the gradual and natural growth of litigation. The only districts where exceptional causes for an increase are stated are Chittagong and Darjeeling. In the former district, the destruction caused by the storm-wave led to the ruin of several mercantile firms, and prevented many people from meeting the claims of money-lenders at the due date. In Julpigoree the sub-divisional officer of Buxa held his Court for six months in the plains, thus giving suitors easy access to his Court. In Darjeeling the growth of the tea industry, and the consequent influx of coolies, has brought increased business to the shopkeepers.

The following table contains a comparative statement of the various descriptions of rent suits instituted during the past two years in the Civil Courts and in the Revenue Courts :—

Description of suits.	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts	
	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
Arrears of rent ...	107,604	113,924	5,936	5.875
Enhancement or abatement of rent ...	2,222	2,990	61	64
Relating to distraint ...	333	363	609	636
Damages for extortion, &c. ...	158	394	76	70
For pottas or kabooleyuts ...	355	173	131	132
For ejectment or recovery of possession	1,753	2,192	251	238
For recovery of money or accounts from agents ...	765	869	12	27
All other suits under the Rent Law ...	3,095	2,569	50	77
Total ..	116,585	123,507	7,126	7,119

From the above it appears that the increase in rent suits has occurred almost entirely as regards suits for arrears of rent and ejectment. No attempt to account for the increase has been made by the Judges of the districts where it was chiefly observable. It may however be well to bear in mind that, since the passing of Act VIII of 1869 of the Bengal Council, many suits which appear in the returns as rent suits are really intended to raise for adjudication questions of title, often very difficult. The Judge of Backergunge is of opinion that the effect of recent legislation has been to unsettle men's minds; that the Road Cess Act and the Registration of Titles Act have in many instances awakened old disputes; and that the zemindars, apprehensive of further changes in the law, are the more apt now to have recourse to the Courts with a view to obtaining a decision as to their rights prior to such changes. In the adjoining district of Furreedpore it is reported that much ill-feeling exists between landlords and their tenants, and that open recourse to violence is frequent in order to establish claims to possess land. Cases which have been before the High Court also show that the enhancement of rents on a large scale is being pressed upon the ryots. This brings into strong relief, defects in the administration of justice, the chief of which is the fact that in the eastern districts generally the Moonsif's Courts are overworked. As remarked by the Judge of Backergunge, provided that a sufficient staff of officers is allowed, there can be no reason why rent suits should not be disposed of in the Civil Courts with the same rapidity that they were in the Revenue Courts, and he ascribes the delay in his district to the fact that his staff is overworked. It is obvious that one result of such delay must be an increase in cases instituted, due to just demands being resisted, with a view merely to obtain time, and a prolonging of the existing state of discontent.

The following statement gives details of suits other than rent suits and suits of the Small Cause Court class :—

	Number of Suits.		Percentage of total number of suits of this class.	
	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
Suits for immoveable property ...	28,428	27,919	77·39	76·98
Suits for specific performance of contract ...	1,034	1,138	2·81	3·14
Suits to establish right to real property ...	3,214	3,663	8·75	10·09
Suits to establish personal rights ...	1,348	1,362	3·67	3·76
Suits for an account ...	769	595	2·09	1·64
Suits relating to religious endowments ...	58	68	·15	·19
Suits to set aside judgments, &c. ...	730	543	1·99	1·49
Suits for dissolution of marriage ...	62	48	·16	·14
Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights	410	330	1·11	·91
Suits for partition ...	569	523	1·54	1·44
Suits relating to shipping ...	...	1	...	...
Suits relating to religious caste ...	109	81	·29	·22
Total ...	36,731	36,271	100	100

The number of suits for immoveable property does not truly represent the amount of litigation connected therewith. A growing practice is reported under which persons, seeking to establish their claim to lands, bring suits merely to recover the value of the produce alleged to have been wrongfully appropriated, or for damages. This point is material, as what under ordinary circumstances are suits easily disposed of, become difficult of decision, and occupy much of the time of Courts which are expected to dispose of a large number of cases in a very brief period of time. The tendency of rent suits to become in reality suits to establish title has been already noted.

It is obvious that if a claimant can get an enquiry into, and adjudication upon his title in a suit for rent or damage for trespass, or the like, for which the institution fee is small, he will often have recourse to such a suit instead of risking the heavy costs of a suit for the whole subject of his claim. Thus, the number of "other cases" must fall off, while that of rent and Small Cause Court cases increases and each year's figures will be further from the truth.

The following statement shows the number of suits of each class instituted in the province of Assam during each of the past two years :—

Description of Suits.	1875.	1876.
Suits for money, &c., cognizable by Small Cause Courts ...	15,519	15,345
Rent suits	1,351	1,287
Other suits	3,940	3,147
Total ...	20,810	19,779

There is nothing calling for remark in the details given under the several heads, but it may be noted that suits for small sums of money on written obligation show some increase, while suits for immoveable property exhibit a considerable decrease. There were 22 suits for dissolution of marriage against six only in the previous year.

The manner in which suits were disposed of in Bengal during each of the past five years is shewn in the following table :— **Suits how disposed of**

See Statement E.

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.
1872 ...	92,480	98,444	80,251	271,175
1873 ...	99,746	109,484	91,314	300,544
1874 ...	98,600	98,432	85,101	282,133
1875 ...	114,047	118,061	88,780	320,888
1876 ...	126,068	127,776	92,163	346,007

From the above it appears that the proportion of contested cases which fell from 30·1 per cent. in 1874 to 27·7 per cent. in 1875, in the past year again declined and was only 26·6 per cent. In the Small Cause Courts the ratio was 20·7 per cent. only, while in the Regular Courts it was 27·7. In districts where the relations existing between the ryots and the landlords are unsatisfactory, the Courts are flooded with litigation, often of a troublesome character; but not unfrequently the intervention of the Courts is required simply with a view to obtaining a record not open to question, and not with any real intention of resisting the demands made. This may in some measure account for the decrease in the percentage of contested cases.

In the following districts the number of contested cases exceeded 5,000 in number during the past year:—

	1876.	1875.	1874.
Jessore	8,106	7,897	8,033
24-Pergunnas	7,216	6,030	6,191
Tipperah	7,210	7,592	7,132
Chittagong	5,392	5,056	5,264

It will be observed that while all these districts were in the lists for the two previous years, in the past year Dacca and Mymensingh have been omitted. In the latter district there was a temporary increase in 1875, which has not been fully maintained in the past year. The separation of Fureedpore accounts for the decrease in Dacca. Conspicuous among the districts, where the proportion of cases contested to cases not contested is greatest, are those lying on each side of the Ganges in the Patna division, which are mentioned in the margin. It is noteworthy that, while in the adjoining districts the percentage is high, in Purneah it is abnormally low (20·6 p. c.).

	Percentage of cases disposed of contested.
Gya	46·5 p. c.
Patna	44·9 p. c.
Tirhoot	35·0 p. c.

In the districts of the Presidency Division, in Burdwan and Beerbhoom, more than one-fourth of the cases disposed of were contested; in Mymensingh and Tipperah the proportion exceeded this, but was less than in Chittagong, where more than one-third of the cases were contested, and which in this respect ranks before Tirhoot.

In Assam the manner in which suits were disposed of during the past three years was as follows:—

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	TOTAL.
1874 ...	... 7,485	5,371	6,404	19,260
1875 ...	... 7,816	5,645	7,850	21,311
1876 ...	... 7,756	5,786	6,651	20,193

From the above Statement it will be observed that in Assam the proportion of contested cases during the past year (32·4 per cent.) was considerably higher than in Bengal (26·6 per cent.).

The following statement* shews more in detail the manner of disposal of suits in Bengal, in the Regular Courts and in the Small Cause Courts separately. It also shews the proportion of cases in which plaintiffs and defendants were respectively successful during the past three years.

ALL COURTS.			Mode of disposal.	SMALL CAUSE COURTS.		
1874.	1875.	1876.		1874.	1875.	1876.
903	844	805	Plaints rejected, &c.	*	*	160
20,113	21,706	28,439	Default	3,897	4,938	5,884
5,612	6,612	7,806	Withdrawn	986	1,025	1,165
19,803	20,931	17,872	Dismissed *ex parte*	672	546	355
28,332	26,524	27,255	Dismissed on trial	2,985	2,777	2,958
74,763	76,617	82,197	Plaintiff loses	8,522	9,286	10,522

* This Statement includes the figures relating to the Original Side of the High Court, which are omitted in Statement E.

All Courts.			Mode of disposal.	Small Cause Courts.		
1874.	1875.	1876.		1874.	1875.	1876.
29,054	32,369	35,285	Compromised	3,429	5,085	5,381
47,397	52,799	54,259	Confession	10,813	12,674	12,573
82,903	97,322	110,114	Decree *ex parte*	8,607	11,304	12,276
60,574	62,449	65,057	Decree on trial	6,287	6,651	6,900
190,874	212,570	229,430	Plaintiff wins	25,707	30,629	31,749
29,054	32,369	35,285	Add compromised	3,429	5,085	5,381
219,928	244,939	264,715	... ...	29,136	35,714	37,130

Taking all Courts together the general result may be stated to be that in the past year plaintiffs established their claims wholly or partially in two out of every three cases, and that they failed to do so in only one out of every four cases. The remainder were compromised. These results are in accordance with those observed in previous years.

In Assam the result of trials, as shewn in the margin, was slightly more favourable to defendants than in Bengal. This result was more especially observable in contested cases, plaintiffs having failed in 37·1 per cent. of these in Assam, and in 29·5 per cent. in Bengal.

Judgment for plaintiff ...	11,571
Judgment for defendant ...	6,410
Compromised	1,864

The number of applications made in the Lower Provinces during the past year under section 119, Civil Procedure Code, for an order to set aside an *ex parte* judgment or a judgment in default, was 9,065 against 8,449 in the previous year. The number of such judgments passed was 137, 930 in 1876 and 139,959 in 1875. The tendency is therefore to make these applications more frequently. They have been more freely granted in the past than in the previous year in all Courts except those of Subordinate Judges, but the difference is not material, the general proportion being 40·38 per cent. of the applications disposed of granted in 1876, against 40·24 per cent., granted in 1875.

Applications under section 119, C. P. C. *See Statement F.*

In Assam, of 168 applications disposed of in 1876, 86 were granted and 82 rejected. In 1875 the corresponding figures were 75 granted against 87 rejected. The increase is entirely in the Moonsifs' Courts.

The number of suits disposed of in the Courts of the Lower Provinces is, as on former occasions, given here, for the last four years, classified according to value :—

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
Not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	34,458	29,600	33,825	33,267
" " 20 ...	93,870	85,518	95,376	1,02,751
" " 100 ...	1,40,773	1,31,825	1,45,269	1,57,605
" " 500 ...	40,118	35,935	38,253	42,116
" " 1,000 ...	4,859	4,064	4,516	4,732
" " 5,000 ...	3,228	3,026	2,996	3,003
" " 10,000 ...	423	421	408	533
" " 1,00,000 ...	267	285	245	337
Exceeding " 1,00,000 ...	22	20	12	39
Total ...	3,18,018	2,90,694	3,20,900	3,44,383

There is little to add to what was said in last year's report on the increase in suits of small value, which has also been commented on above. The number of suits in which the value in dispute exceeded Rs. 1,000 in each of the past four years, was as shown in the margin. The decrease observed since 1873 has therefore almost been regained.

1873	3,940
1874	3,752
1875	3,661
1876	3,912

The practice noticed in last year's report of receiving plaints on a stamp of Rs. 10, which really involve more than a mere declaration of rights, is still, the

Court observe, erroneously followed in some of the subordinate tribunals. It is not always easy to see the whole object of a plaint until the adversary helps in exposing it.

Decrees Executed.
See Statement G.

Litigation having increased in 1875, the succeeding year, as might be expected, shows a considerable increase in the number of decrees put in execution. The following figures shew the number of decrees completely and partially executed in the regular Courts of the Lower Provinces during the past four years :—

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realised. Rs.	A.	P.
1873	65,567	1,40,907	1,12,86,732	12	3½
1874	63,380	1,26,201	1,21,66,380	7	0
1875	60,291	1,40,887	1,19,87,061	15	7
1876	65,388	1,50,380	1,11,12,759	2	6

The districts in which the realizations made were the largest are the following :—

Tirhoot ...	11,36,857	Bhaugulpore ...	7,94,217
24-Pergunnahs ...	7,71,852		

These are the same districts as those mentioned in the previous year, but in reverse order.

The districts with more than 10,000 execution cases were the following :—

24-Pergunnahs ...	15,353	Mymensingh ...	14,206
Jessore	14,919	Burdwan East ...	12,978
Tipperah	14,400	Chittagong ...	12,316
Midnapore ...	11,207		

These are the same districts, and in the same order, as those mentioned last year, with this difference that Dacca has disappeared from the list, and that the 24-Pergunnahs, Burdwan and Midnapore have been added to it.

Small Cause Courts.

In the Courts of Small Causes, the number of decrees completely executed was 4,778 against 4,311 in the previous year. The number partially executed was 27,630 in 1876 against 24,743 in 1875.

The following figures shew the action taken in execution of decrees in Assam for the past two years :—

	Completely	Partially.	Amount realised. Rs.	A.	P.
1875	2,963	7,351	3,01,995	4	10
1876	2,981	8,149	2,55,459	15	7

Decrees satisfied without execution.
See Statement H.

In the margin is shewn the number of decrees satisfied without execution in the several classes of Courts during the past year. There is a very marked increase in the amount of claims thus settled, as compared with the previous year. There is also an increase in the number of cases so terminated except in the Small Cause Courts, where there is an insignificant decrease.

	Number.	Amount. Rs.
Moonsifs'	10,644	4,35,499
Sub-Judges' ...	179	2,48,147
Small Cause Courts ...	2,483	86,327
Judges'	15	36,926

In Assam the total number of decrees satisfied without execution in 1876 was 977 compared with 549 in 1875. The amount thus realized was Rs. 26,416 in the past, against Rs. 26,110 in the previous year.

The number and nature of coercive processes issued in execution of decrees in all but Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the past two years were as follows :—

Year.	Imprisonment of person.	Movable Property		Immovable Property.		Orders under Section 243, C. P. C.
		Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	
1875 ...	3,058	45,368	16,224	45,656	16,030	246
1876 ...	3,537	53,719	18,347	54,894	18,828	239

The decrease in the number of cases in which imprisonment for debt was ordered continues. It has been decided to report to Government in favor of a reduction of the fee charged for a writ of arrest in execution of decree. On the other hand it is not satisfactory to observe that resort continues to be had, with diminished frequency, to the provisions of Section 243, Civil Procedure Code, providing for the management of attached estates, and that sales of immoveable property have largely increased. This matter formed the subject of remark in last year's report. The new Civil Procedure Code contains provisions intended to provide a better agency than that which now exists for the management and sale of attached estates. Probably one main difficulty in applying Section 243 arises from want of honesty on the part of debtors, who will not disclose the real income of attached properties and furnish proper information to managers :—having succeeded in staying sale, their attention is sometimes turned to concealing assets from the Manager and realising rents secretly, while the decree remains infructuous. The number of cases in which decrees were executed by possession being given, was 8,098 in 1876 against 6,221 in 1875. This, perhaps, follows from the increase noticed above in the number of suits for arrears of rent and ejectment.

The following are the figures for Assam corresponding with those given above for Bengal :—

Year.	Imprisonment of person.	Movable Property		Immovable Property		Orders under Section 243, C. P. C.
		Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	
1875 ...	115	1,003	380	1,896	705	2
1876 ...	176	1,076	415	2,395	861	1

The results shewn follow closely upon those in Bengal and call for no remarks.

Original Miscellaneous cases.
See Statement I.

The number of original miscellaneous cases instituted, disposed of and pending in Bengal and Assam, respectively, during the past two years were as follows :—

		Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
Bengal	1875 ...	47,848	47,540	8,950
	1876 ...	48,361	48,247	8,754
Assam	1875 ...	2,586	2,621	348
	1876 ...	2,024	2,008	293

While in Assam work has decreased it has slightly increased in Bengal. The reduction in the pending files is satisfactory.

Average duration of cases.
See Statement Q.

The effect of legislation in recent years has been to throw much work of a miscellaneous character on the Courts, especially those of District Judges, and the figures alone do not adequately represent the increase in the importance of the work done.

The manner in which the original suits disposed of were shared by the Courts of the several grades in the Lower Provinces during the past two years as shewn in the annexed Statement Q was as follows :—

	Contested.		Uncontested.	
	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
District and Additional Judges ...	136	100	116	53
Sub-Judges	1,920	2,323	1,867	2,285
Moonsifs	79,866	79,767	191,944	212,245
Small Cause Courts	9,438	9,856	35,601	37,796

The fact that the figures here given for 1876 fall short of those exhibited in Statement E, is due to the destruction of records in Backergunge noticed above. The figures in Statement Q are not usually very trustworthy, but

taking them for what they are worth, the following results may be noted as regards the average duration of cases :—

	District Judges. Months.	Days.	Sub-Judges. Months.	Days.	Moonsiffs. Months.	Days.	S. C. C. Judges. Months.	Days
Contested ...	7	25	6	4	4	3	0	22
Uncontested ...	5	13	2	5	1	6	0	18

The time occupied in the courts of the District Judges is longer than in 1875.

This probably is in a great measure owing to a few extremely protracted suits in Gya and Hooghly. Interruption by the necessity of attending to sessions duties also always makes the District Judges' average show unfavourably.

The average duration of cases in the Subordinate Judges' courts has not varied materially, but in the Moonsifs' courts, in which the increase of litigation tells most heavily, there is a serious increase in the time occupied.

The following table shows the average duration of cases in the courts of Assam :—

	District Judges. Months.	Days.	Sub-Judges. Months	Days.	Moonsiffs. Months	Days.
Contested ...	6	11	1	26	2	4
Uncontested ...	0	28	1	2	1	6

The fact that these results are better than those stated above for Bengal is probably attributable to the lightness of the files in Assam.

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

Small Cause Courts.
See Statements O, & OO.

THE manner in which the business of the several Small Cause Courts in the Lower Provinces was disposed of is shown separately in statement O, the figures given there being also included in the totals given district by district in statement E. Statement OO contains a comparative view of the number of suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in each of these courts during the past two years.

There has been no change in the number of regular Small Cause Courts since last year's report was written. The classes of court were also the same in the past year as in the preceding one, and may be again noted as follows :—

1. Courts exclusively for the trial of Small Cause Court cases—*i. e.*, Magoorah, Jessore, Sealdah, Kishnaghur, Kooshtea, and Dacca.
2. Courts the Judges of which also assist in the disposal of regular cases—*i. e.*, Hooghly and Bhagulpore.
3. The rest are Subordinate Judges vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge.

In addition to the above, there were 44 Moonsifs vested with Small Cause Court powers for the trial of petty cases, but the work disposed by them under these powers has not been shown separately from their regular work, and is not entered in the statements at present under consideration.

The Magoorah Circle of courts still has the largest amount of business; there is only a difference of two in the number of suits instituted in 1875 and 1876. As before, the number is largely in excess of that in any other court, being no less than 1,199 greater than in Dacca and Moonsheegunge, which now takes the second place with 5,201 suits. Jessore again stands third. In these two courts the work is decidedly increasing, whereas in the Kooshtea and Kishnaghur circles it is falling off.

Hooghly is advancing rapidly, the main portion of the increase being, as might be expected, in Howrah (421) and Serampore (158).

Furreedpore and Bhangah continues to recede into a very subordinate position.

The subjoined table gives the figures for 1876 added to those shown last year :

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
Magoorah, &c.	6,112	5,684	6,699	6,700
Dacca and Moonsheegunge ...	2,498	2,410	4,340	5,201
Jessore	4,940	4,236	4,810	5,194
Kooshtea, &c.	4,269	3,935	5,262	4,723
Kishnaghur, &c.	3,451	3,788	4,771	4,443
Sealdah	3,558	3,681	4,264	4,397
Hooghly, &c.	2,671	2,127	2,967	3,627
Bhagulpore and Monghyr ...	3,645	3,112	3,768	3,592
Furreedpore and Bhangah ...	2,957	1,955	1,991	1,605

The total number of suits disposed of (47,652) exceeded the institutions of the year by 229, and of the cases pending at the close of the year only 15 had been on the files more than six weeks, and of these 11 were in two Courts. These results are very satisfactory.

Making allowance for an increase of institutions and suits disposed of in 1876, 2,071 of the former and 2,652 of the latter, the details given in statement O vary very little from those of last year.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

IV.—THE HIGH COURT.

I.—*Appeals under Section 15—Letters Patent.*

Appeals arising within the High Court.

In 1876, 30 appeals were preferred from the decisions of Judges exercising original jurisdiction against 57 in the previous year. The total number of appeals, including those pending from the previous year, which came to a hearing was 27, in 17 of which the judgment of the court of first instance was upheld, in three modified, and in seven reversed.

The number of appeals preferred in 1876 against judgments passed in appeal by single Judges (cases in which the sum or value did not exceed Rs. 50), or against the judgment of a Senior Judge overruling that of a junior, was 152 compared with 126 in 1875. Of the whole number (139) of such appeals disposed of, 131 came to a hearing, and in 116 of these the finding of the single Judges was upheld and in 15 it was reversed.

In last year's report the objections to the system under which these appeals, in cases of small value, are allowed, were stated, and it only remains to add here that as the number of cases increases the interruption to the court's more important duties becomes the more serious.

II.—*Appeals—Regular, Special and Miscellaneous—from the decisions of the Courts in the interior (including those in Assam).*

Appeals from the Courts in the Interior.
See Statement X.

	1875.	876.
Filed	400	413
Decided	485	411

The number of miscellaneous appeals filed and decided during the past two years is shown in the margin; the variation between the figures for the past and those for the previous year is slight and calls for no remark.

There has been a slight decrease in the number of miscellaneous orders made in court and out of court. The figures for the past three years are as follows:—

In 1874	2,349
„ 1875	2,470
„ 1876	2,444

In the margin will be found extracted the figures showing the number of regular and special appeals, and of criminal cases coming before the court on the appellate side. It will be observed that in this most important part of the business of the court, there has been but little increase, and that the number of cases disposed of fell but little short of the number filed. The pending files of regular and special appeals, however, now represent somewhat more than a year's work. The number of cases disposed of during the past exceeded by more than 500 the number disposed of in the previous year, and this, although the number of working days (*i. e.*, excluding holidays and Sundays) in the year was 236 only. The number of days on which sittings were actually held was, however, 241 as compared with 248, the number of days of sittings in 1875.

	Filed.		Decided.	
	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
Regular appeals..	329	367	266	313
Special appeals ...	2,966	2,945	2,326	2,799
Criminal cases ...	1,159	1,210	1,154	1,183
Total ...	4,454	4,522	3,746	4,295

The annexed tables show the figures for the successive years from 1873 to 1876 inclusive, and the number of Judges present at the commencement of each month during the last three years.

	Filed.				Disposed of.			
	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1873.	1874.	1875-	1876.
I.—Regular Appeals ...	327	348	329	367	271	313	266	313
References to the Full Bench	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...
Appeals to court at large (section 15 of Letters Patent)	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Reviews	2	...	...		3	...	...	...
II.—Special Appeals ...	3,024	3,225	2,966	2,945	2,453	2,844	2,326	2,799
References to the Full Bench	7	7	5	3	8	7	6	3
Appeals to court at large	19	83	121	152	15	78	70	139
Reviews	2	9	11		2	5	14	2
III.—Miscellaneous—								
Regular Appeals ...	237	352	265	261	250	215	357	254
Special	168	183	135	152	121	168	128	157
References to the Full Bench	2	2	...	1	2	2	...	...
Appeals to court at large	2	5	...	...	2	3	2	...
Reviews	2	1	...	2	2	1	...	...
VII.—Criminal cases ...	1,229	1,368	1,159	1,210	1,211	1,444	1,154	1,183

Number of Judges present on the 1st of each month.

	1874.				1875.				1876.			
	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.
January ...	5	6	...	11	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11
February...	5	6	...	11	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11
March ...	5	6	...	11	4	6	1	11	5*a*	6	1	12
April ...	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11	5	6	1	12
May ...	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11	4*b*	7*c*	1	12
June ...	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11	4	7	1	12
July ...	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11	4	6*d*	1	11
August ...	4	5	1	10	4	6	1	11	5*e*	4*f*	1	10
September..	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10	4*g*	5*h*	1	10
October ...	5	6	1	12	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10
November..	5	6	1	12	4	5	1	10	5*i*	6*j*	1*k*	12
December...	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11	5	6	...	11

(*a*)—Mr. Justice Markby resumed his seat on the Bench on the 8th February 1876.
(*b*)—Mr. Justice Phear availed himself of three months' privilege leave on the 19th April 1876.
(*c*)—Mr. Justice Ainslie resumed his seat on the 25th April 1876.
(*d*)—Mr. Justice Jackson availed himself of three months' leave on the 19th June 1876.
(*e*)—Mr. Justice Phear resumed his seat on the 19th July 1876.
(*f*)—Services of Mr. J. MacDonell replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bengal on the 19th July 1876.
(*f*)—Mr. Justice Glover availed himself of one month's privilege leave from the 11th July 1876. He died at Galle on the 10th August 1876.
(*g*)—Mr. Justice Phear retired from the service on the 9th August 1876.
(*h*)—Mr. Justice MacDonell resumed his seat on the 14th August 1876 as an officiating Judge.
(*i*)—Mr. Justice White took his seat as Judge of the Court on the 16th November 1876.
(*j*)—Mr. Justice Jackson resumed his seat on the Bench on the 16th November 1876 after the reopening of the court.
(*k*)—Mr. Justice Mitter availed himself of two months' leave on the 1st December 1876.

The following statement will show the state of the appeal files of the High Court from year to year since its constitution :—

Number of Civil Appeals pending at the close of the year 1862-76.

	Regular.	Special.	Miscellaneous.		Regular.	Special.	Miscellaneous.
1862 ...	1,146	4,382	342	1870 ...	202	1,433	168
1863 ...	487	2,927	403	1871 ...	204	751	115
1864 ...	340	2,104	216	1872 ...	290	1,636	119
1865 ...	252	1,325	257	1873 ...	346	2,207	153
1866 ...	338	1,471	278	1874 ...	381	2,588	305
1867 ...	348	2,369	296	1875 ...	444	3,228	220
1868 ...	219	1,738	173	1876 ...	498	3,374	222
1869 ...	223	1,324	201				

These figures bear out the remark made in last year's report to the effect that it is necessary, either that the numerical strength of the court should be

increased, or that some other means must be taken of effecting a speedy reduction of its business.

Districts and Divisions from which Appeals came.
See Statement Y.

A statement is as before furnished showing the number of appeals and cases of each kind coming from the various districts, grouped into Commissioners' divisions. The figures given will be of service in case it is determined, as has been proposed, to throw certain districts into groups for the purpose of constituting Appellate Benches in the interior.

Result of Appeals.
See Statement Z.

A statement is also appended showing the result of appeals and revisions in the High Court.

The following table shows separately for District Judges and for Subordinate Judges the percentage of cases heard in which their decisions were affirmed or were reversed or modified :—

	Affirmed.		Modified or Reversed.	
	Judges.	Sub. Judges.	Judges.	Sub. Judges.
Regular Appeals ...	68·9	72·1	21·7	18·9
Special Appeals ...	78·7	81·0	8·3	7·3
Miscellaneous Appeals ...	69·0	71·1	19·9	17·0

These figures show somewhat more favourable results in the case of Subordinate Judges than in that of District Judges, but it must be observed that a very much larger number of the decisions of the former than of the latter class of officers came before the High Court on appeal.

V.—APPELLATE COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals instituted.
See Statement J.

The number of appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in the courts in the interior of the Lower Provinces during the past three years was as follows :—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1874	20,311	20,686	9,717
1875	19,830	20,677	9,434
1876	20,422	20,996	9,449

In the past year, as compared with the previous one, there was accordingly an excess of 592 in the number of appeals instituted, and of 319 in the number disposed of. The increase in the pending file is not material. The districts most conspicuous for an increase in the business of the Appellate Courts are—

	No. of appeals instituted in 1874.	No. of appeals instituted in 1875.	No. of appeals instituted in 1876.
Midnapore	691	799	974
Patna	665	648	894
Shahabad	553	626	970
Sarun	687	678	1,031

In the Dacca and Rajshahye Divisions, and in the greater part of the Presidency Division, there has been some decrease in the number of appeals filed as compared with the previous year, and a still greater decrease as compared with 1874. Among the Behar districts, Bhagulpore is conspicuous for the falling off in appeals, the number filed in 1876 being 877 only, against 1,316 in 1875.

Disposed of.

In the districts of Jessore, Moorshedabad, Rajshahye, and Tipperah there has been a considerabel decrease in the number of appeals disposed of, and a large increase in the number of cases awaiting disposal. In Midnapore, Rungpore, Mymensing, and Chittagong the pending files show a considerable reduction, due to the larger number of cases decided. In Hooghly and Shahabad a larger amount of business has been got through than in the previous year.

Long pending appeals.

The most satisfactory feature in the statements regarding appeals is the large reduction effected in the past year in the number of those pending more than a year. As shown in statement B (noticed above), these were reduced in number from 392 in 1875 to 175 in 1876. In the latter year they therefore

formed only 1·85 per cent. of the total number of appeals pending disposal at the close of the latter, against 4·15 per cent. at the close of the former, year.

District where appeals were most numerous.

As in 1875 so in 1876, Tipperah continued to be the only district where more than 1,500 appeals were filed. Last year's report showed five other districts with more than 1,000 appeals. Of these, Dacca, owing to the separation of Fureedpore, has disappeared from the list, so has Bhagulpore owing to the decrease of business noticed above. The 24-Pergunnahs, Mymensing, and Chittagong remain, and Sarun, where, as noticed above, work has been increased greatly, enters the list for the first time.

As regards disposals, Chittagong has taken the place of Tipperah as the only district where more than 1,500 appeals were decided. The 24-Pergunnahs, Dacca, and Mymensing remain in the list of districts where more than 1,000 were decided, to which Midnapore must be added, while Jessore and Bhagulpore are to be deducted.

Ratio of appeals to decision.
See Statement K.

Taking all districts together, the ratio of appeals preferred to original suits tried on the merits during the past year was 24·81 per cent. against 24·99 per cent. in 1875 and 26·40 in 1874. In calculating these percentages, appeals to the High Court have not been taken into account; but the number of suits where first appeals lie to that court being small, their omission does not materially affect the result. The detailed percentages for the different districts follow closely those reported in previous years. The people of Behar continue to give employment to the appellate court in a far greater measure than the number of original suits appears to warrant. In Patna and Sarun the proportion of appeals to original decisions was over 50 per cent., and in one district of Behar only (Purneah) was it less than 33 per cent. The only districts in the whole of the Lower Provinces where the ratio was less than 15 per cent., were Moorshedabad and Dinagepore. In Rungpore, Jessore, and Cooch Behar it was a little over that figure.

Appeals instituted, 1872 to 1876.
See Statement L.

In statement L will be found the usual comparative view of the number of civil and revenue appeals instituted during the past five years.

Appeals how disposed of.
See Statement M.

Of the 20,996 appeals disposed of, 881 may be put out of sight as not decided on the merits. In the remaining cases the result as affecting the decisions of the Lower Court, is shown in the margin. From the following comparative table, showing the percentage of decisions confirmed, modified, &c., it appears that there has been some decrease in the past three years in the proportion of cases remanded for re-trial and of decisions reversed on appeal :—

Confirmed	13,292
Modified	1,679
Reversed	4,357
Remanded	787

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Confirmed	62·28	62·42	66·0
Modified	8·11	7·81	8·3
Reversed	23·06	23·72	21·6
Remanded	6·55	6·05	4·1

An examination of the detailed statements for separate districts discloses results similar to those recorded in last year's report. In West Burdwan, Rungpore, Rajshahye, and Purneah, in a large proportion of cases (varying from 32·32 per cent. to 27·77 per cent.) the decision of the court of first instance was reversed, while in other districts, such as Patna and Jessore, the proportion did not exceed 15 per cent.

In Chota Nagpore, Purneah, Sarun, and Dinagepore, from 7 to 10 per cent. of the cases heard were remanded for re-trial. This seems to be an excessive proportion, but it is satisfactory to find that, taking all districts together, the practice of disposing of appeals in this manner is on the decline.

Miscellaneous Appeals.
See Statement N.

The number of miscellaneous appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending during the past three years has been as follows :—

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Instituted	1,813	1,779	1,701
Disposed of	1,858	1,673	1,625
Pending	746	847	948

From the above it will be observed that while there is a decrease in the amount of work coming in, the pending files are increasing. This increase has been most marked in Gya, Rajshahye, and Nuddea.

Appeals in Assam.

In Assam the number of appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending during the past three years was as follows :—

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Instituted	1,347	1,743	1,538
Disposed of	1,394	1,461	1,643
Pending	206	527	433

The decrease which these figures show in the number of institutions in the past year occurred in Sylhet and Cachar. The increase in the number of appeals decided was principally in Sylhet, but also to some extent in the Assam Valley districts, where, however, the pending file shows a large increase also.

The ratio of appeals to original decisions is somewhat smaller in Assam than in the Lower Provinces generally. The percentage for 1876 (23·12 per cent.) was, however, slightly in excess of that for 1875 (22·46 per cent.).

The manner in which appeals decided on a hearing were disposed of is shown in the following table :—

	Number.		Percentage.	
	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
Confirmed	962	1,137	67·2	71·4
Modified	74	126	5·27	7·9
Reversed	340	276	23·8	17·3
Remanded	54	55	3·8	3·4

These figures show a very considerable improvement as regards the reversal of decisions and a slight improvement as regards the remanding of cases for re-trial. It is to be observed that in Sylhet, a district where more appeals were tried than in the whole of the rest of Assam, 12·6 only of the decisions of the Lower Courts were reversed against 23·23, the percentage in the Valley Districts.

Miscellaneous Appeals in Assam.

The number of miscellaneous appeals instituted in Assam in 1876 was 107 against 101 in 1875 and 94 in 1874. There is nothing in the statements regarding these calling for notice.

VI.—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE, PERSONNEL, &c.

Work done by District Judges.

See Statement P1.

THE following table shows the work done by District Judges during the past three years :—

	Days.		Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions Trials.	Criminal Appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1874 ...	3,819½	2,546½	231	9,071	7,892	1,656	1,598	3,373
1875 ...	3,859	2,568½	239	8,479	7,577	1,595	1,379	3,365
1876 ...	4,124½	2,491	135	8,841	8,343	1,479	1,252	3,281

The only Judges who decided more than a dozen original regular suits were those stationed at Burdwan, East and West, and at Beerbhoom. The two latter districts have a Subordinate Judge only occasionally, and the work which would be allotted to such an officer devolves, therefore, usually on the Judge himself. The increase in the number and importance of miscellaneous regular cases has already been noticed. The districts where over 500 such cases were decided by the Judge during the past year were Patna (636), Dacca (587), Hooghly (576), Beerbhoom (566), and 24-Pergunnahs (543). In Chittagong the decrease in the number of such cases is explained by the increase in the number disposed of by the Additional Judge. In Sarun, however, there was a real decrease from 612 cases in 1875 to 386 in 1876, which is not explained.

Even allowing for the increase of the figures due to the Additional Judge of Dacca becoming District Judge of Fureedpore, there is a considerable increase in the number of regular appeals disposed of by District Judges. The

increased amount of work overtaken by the Judges of Hooghly, Midnapore, Patna, Purneah, Shahabad, and the 24-Pergunnahs is particularly satisfactory. In Mymensingh and Rajshahye the decrease observable is not adequately accounted for by the heaviness of other branches of business. The greatest number of regular appeals decided is again in Sarun, but in this as in a few other districts the Judge does not take up any original suits.

Work done by Additional Judges.

See Statement P2.

The decrease in criminal work, which the returns show, allowed of the Judges devoting more of their attention to civil work. The districts where the greatest number of days were occupied by criminal cases were Backergunge, a really heavy sessions district, and Mymensingh, Moorshedabad, and Rajshahye, districts where, judging by the number of cases only, there is not more than an average amount of criminal work.

The following statement shows the amount of civil and of criminal work done by Additional Judges during the past three years :—

	Days.		Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions Trials.	Criminal Appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1874 ...	683	221	51	179	1,633	7	167	43
1875 ...	621	199	32	308	1,231	11	130	72
1876 ...	505	424	18	495	1,015	111	297	72

The work of the late Additional Judge of the Dacca Division no longer appears in the statement, while that of the recently appointed Additional Judge of Chittagong is now included in it.

The figures given show an increase in the amount of criminal work done and a decrease in the number of original civil suits and regular appeals disposed of.

The amount of work done by Subordinate Judges during the past three years was as follows :—

Work done by Subordinate Judges.

See Statement P3.

	Suits.		Appeals.	
	Original.	Miscellaneous.	Regular.	Miscellaneous.
1873 ...	4,520	14,918	11,645	91
1874 ...	4,064	13,885	10,900	127
1875 ...	3,774	13,145	11,773	55
1876 ...	4,608	14,155	11,638	35

The result is favourable as showing an increase in the number of original and miscellaneous suits disposed of, while the number of appeals heard falls little short of the number decided in the previous year.

The districts where the Subordinate Judge disposed of the largest number of original suits were Bhagulpore, Dinagepore, Gya, Patna, Tirhoot, and Sarun. The only officers who disposed of more than 500 regular appeals were the Subordinate Judges at Chittagong, Mymensing, and Tipperah. The number of cases is, however, no fair criterion of quantity of labour bestowed: very much depends on the character of the cases and of the decisions.

Work done by moonsifs.

See Statement P4.

In statement P4 will be found a detailed account of the work done at each moonsiffee in the Lower Provinces during the past two years. In 1876 no less than 293,594 regular suits, and 242,648 miscellaneous cases were disposed of by these tribunals. In two moonsiffees the number of regular suits decided exceeded 3,000 in number, and in twelve more the number exceeded 2,500. The average number of decisions for each court permanently established was about 1,500 in regular, and 1,300 in miscellaneous cases. It has already been noticed above that it would have been impossible to overtake the large increase in work but for the assistance given by a temporary establishment of 20 extra Moonsifs which was employed during a portion of the year. Even with this aid the pressure upon officers has become very great, and a representation has accordingly been made to the Government of Bengal asking that a permanent addition to the establishment of 30 Moonsifs may be made.

The following is an extract from a minute by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jackson which accompanied the representation referred to:—

DISTRICTS.	CONTESTED.		EX-PARTE.	
	1870.	1876.	1870.	1876.
Backergunge, S	246	403	817	873
Peerbhoom S ..	328	471	146	365
Bhagulpore, S ...	287	506	418	516
Burdwan, East .	302	487	191	673
Burdwan, West	214	293	121	256
Chittagong ...	302	444	217	297
Cuttack, S ...	186	275	291	302
Dacca, S ...	226	581	435	1,110
Fureedpore, S...	...	508	...	1,143
Dinagepore ...	209	344	426	689
Gya ...	147	304	139	161
Hooghly, S ...	282	344	199	487
Jessore, S ...	397	608	857	769
Midnapore ...	297	427	229	614
Moorshedabad ...	273	621	381	921
Mymensingh ...	243	431	612	905
Nuddea, S ...	272	363	134	374
Patna, S ...	172	407	93	141
Purneah ...	179	404	459	911
Rajshahye, S ...	205	427	310	709
Rungpore ...	256	394	598	1,014
Sarun ...	296	442	251	326
Shahabad ...	200	498	323	341
Tipperah	302	475	552	582
Tirhoot	233	295	272	237
24-Pergunnahs, S	295	490	305	671
TOTAL ...	6,349	11,242	8,729	15.387
	254¼	432	349	592
			254	432
			603	1,024

"I incorporate in the text the abstracts opposite, which will show the advance between 1870 and 1876 in those parts of the business of the courts which take up the most time, and demand the most attention, *viz.*, contested suits and those heard *ex-parte*.

"The year 1870 has been taken in preference to 1869, as being the first in which rent suits came to the civil courts under Act VIII of 1869 (B.C.), and because before that time it could not be said that generally the courts had full employment.

"Taking the average for all districts, arrived at by adding the district averages together, it will be seen that as to contested suits the increase for each Moonsif is from 254 to 432, and as to *ex-parte* cases from 349 to 592, the whole numbers for the two years roughly standing at about 3 and 5.

"Besides this, there is the mass of suits disposed of otherwise, each of which involves a certain amount of work to be done, though less of course than those which have to be tried.

"So far as to mere figures, but there is abundant evidence of other kinds, as to the pressure on the Moonsifs' courts. The length of time that cases are pending, the frequent and urgent applications for aid, the constant slips in procedure always excused on the ground of overwork, the defalcations and malpractices facilitated by the Moonsifs being too much occupied to detect them, the constant complaints as to the delay in getting rent decrees, all demonstrate the inability of the courts to cope with the work, which has overpowered them.

"Of course, the pressure is not equal in all places; the increase varies from 20 per cent. or less, in some districts, to much more than double in others. It occurs in localities almost everywhere contiguous, *i. e.*, in the Presidency, Dacca, and Rajshahye Divisions, and in portions of the Burdwan and Bhagulpore Divisions, and the districts where aid is chiefly required are those shown in the margin. The additional men actually shown to be necessary are 26, but seeing that business continues to increase, and that arrears often crop up from accidental circumstances requiring immediate attention, I consider that 30 Moonsifs are now required in order to make the establishment thoroughly complete; of these, 4 or 5 should not be attached to any particular district, but should be disposable for employment as required.

Districts.	Additional Moonsifs.
24-Pergunnahs ...	3
Jessore ...	2
Moorshedabad ...	3
Burdwan, E ...	2
Midnapore ...	2
Rajshahye ...	1
Rungpore ...	3
Dacca ...	3
Fureedpore ...	2
Mymensingh ...	2
Tipperah ...	1
Bhaugulpore ...	1
Purneah	1

"It must be remembered that overwork means not only arrears of causes, but also unavoidable neglect of office management, inattention to accounts, failure to detect defalcations and frauds, all of them matters directly affecting the interests of Government.

"It means also consequences to the officer employed which deserve to be taken into account, *viz.*, a very serious strain upon his health and mental facul-

ties. And I am sure that young men of ability and education would commonly have shrunk from an office so laborious and responsible but for the liberal scale of salaries opportunely introduced a few years ago."

The Court have little doubt that the case, as represented above, will commend itself to the Government as one which calls for their interposition, the more so as there is reason to hope that in time the cost of the extra establishment applied for will be covered by increased receipts under the head of court fees.

The condition of the buildings in which Moonsifs as a rule are required to hold their courts has formed a subject of repeated representation to Government. A prospect was held out by the late Lieutenant-Governor of something being done with a view to introduce an improved style of court-houses gradually and to provide immediately a secure place for the custody of the valuable records which now lie exposed, in almost every Moonsiffee in the country, to all the dangers incidental to the use of thatched buildings. So far as the Court, however, is aware, nothing whatever has yet been done towards carrying out the contemplated improvements. All that can be said on the subject has already been urged, and the Court trust that a final decision as to whether any action is possible will be arrived at speedily.

Civil Court Ameens.

See Statement U.

From table U it will be observed that in the Lower Provinces of Bengal 20 permanent ameens of the first and 45 of the second grade were employed during the past year, being eight less than in 1875. The receipts and disbursements for the two years were as follows:—

		Permanent Ameens. Rs.	Temporary Ameens. Rs.
1875 ...	Receipts	45,640	3,147
	Disbursements	51,183	2,374
1876 ...	Receipts	41,607	1,520
	Disbursements	41,843	1,548

The Court has not failed to impress upon District Judges the wish of the Government of India, that the receipts on account of the employment of ameens should be made to cover the whole cost of the establishment including pensions. It has not yet, however, been found possible to secure a financial equilibrium such as is desired, and the reduction in the number of ameens has given rise to complaints of difficulty found in the disposal of cases. The actual receipts and disbursements are very nearly balanced, but the required provision for pensionary allowances has not yet been secured. The defects of the present system are admitted everywhere, but the Judges, who have been consulted in the matter, are by no means of one mind as to the system which should be introduced in lieu of it. The question is one which is under the Court's consideration.

Statistics of local enquiries.

See Statement V.

The number of local enquiries held in 1876 was 2,256 in Bengal and 181 in Assam, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 2,386 for Bengal and 219 for Assam. Considering the great expense involved in holding these enquiries, which often exceeds the whole value in litigation in the suit, it is desirable to discourage the resort to them in petty cases, and so far then the decrease in the figures for the past year is satisfactory. For the rest, the value of a local enquiry depends much on the discretion with which it has been determined to be necessary, and on the restriction placed on the ameen, defining precisely what it is he is required to do. There is much reason to fear that in these respects the practice of some officers is not sufficiently strict.

Cost of establishments with receipts on account of court fees.

See Statements R, S, and W.

Appended to this report will be found the usual statements intended to shew the amount of work done by the Courts of Original and Appellate Jurisdiction in the interior with the cost of their establishments and the receipts on account of Court Fees. The following figures shew that for the Lower Provinces of Bengal, the receipts continue to be greatly in excess of the expenditure, while in Assam there is a large yearly deficit:—

	No. of original suits.	Cost of Establishment. Rs.	Receipts on account of Court Fees. Rs.
Bengal ...	3,39,065	27,82,439	44,26,201
Assam ...	19,429	5,46,271	2,31,962

From the calculation contained in statement S it will be observed that after making a proportionate deduction from the salary of the Judges who are also partly employed with criminal work, the surplus of receipts in Bengal was in the past year Rs. 21,06,760, as compared with Rs. 17,59,523 in 1875.

In the statements under consideration the cost of the High Court has not been considered. It must be remembered, however, that the receipts on account of court fees in all courts are very largely in excess of what is taken credit for above, and that an accurate estimate of the net surplus due to the existence of the civil courts alone is not, perhaps, possible.

Statement T. In statement T will be found the usual statistics comparing the litigation in the different districts with the population and area. The increase in litigation noticed above has produced its effect on the percentages.

In 1876 for every 173 persons resident in Bengal, one suit was instituted. In 1875 there was but one suit for every 187 persons. Examining the returns in detail, it appears that in both years the ratio of suits to population has been highest (1·1) in the Presidency and Chittagong Divisions, and lowest (·1) in the Patna Division. The fact that Cooch Behar, Chota Nagpore, and Orissa rent-suits are tried in the Revenue Courts, has to be remembered in considering the percentages, which there also are very small.

The following changes occurred in the ranks of the Sub-Judicial Service in 1876 :—

The undermentioned Subordinate Judges and Moonsifs left the service :—

SUBORDINATE JUDGES.

Died	...	Baboo Jadub Chundra Dey, B.L.
Retired	..	„ Mohesh Chunder Sein, Sub-Judge of Rungpore.
„	...	Moulvie Khadem Hossein, Sub-Judge of Chittagong.
„		Baboo Juggut Chundra Roy, 3rd Sub-Judge of Tipperrah.
Dismissed		„ Kedarnath Bannerjee, Sub-Judge of Chittagong.

MOONSIFFS.

Retired	...	Baboo Rajrajessur Bhuttacharjee, Moonsif of Culna.
„	.	„ Sreenath Dutt, Moonsif of Boodbood.
„	.	„ Kassinath Dass, Moonsif of Begumgunge.
„	.	„ Hurropershad Sein, Moonsif of Olipore.
„		„ Mohesh Chundra Roy, Moonsif of Nicklee.
Died	...	Mr. W. Cardozo, Moonsif of Rungpore.
„	...	Baboo Roodrokant Biswas, Moonsif of Dukhinshabazpore.
„	...	„ Nittogopaul Mullick, Moonsif of Fureedpore.
„	...	„ Khetter Mohun Mookerjee, Moonsif of Kishnaghur.
Resigned	..	Syed Ali Hossein, Moonsif of Kishengunge.
Dismissed	...	Baboo Protab Chundra Dey, Moonsif of Hemtabad.

The following Moonsifs were promoted to Sub-Judgeships in 1876 :—

NAMES.	Service.			District to which appointed.	REMARKS.
	Y	M.	D		
Nobin Chunder Pal ..	23	7	20	Bankoora and Dacca	
Enamool Huq ...	25	6	2	Chittagong.	
Bhugwan Chunder Chuckerbutty	15	2	22	Rungpore ...	
Bhoobun Chunder Mookerjee	14	6	29	Dinagepore and Rungpore.	
Gunnesh Chunder Chowdhry	13	11	24	Chittagong ..	

Appointments to substantive moonsifships. The following gentlemen were nominated to permanent moonsifships, and were accordingly admitted to the service. It will be observed that nearly all

had been qualified for appointment for upwards of four years, and that the great majority of them held the diplomas of the Calcutta University :—

Names.	Degree or other qualification.	Date of Qualification.	District to which appointed.
Kartic Chunder Pal	B. L.	February 1869 ...	Rungpore.
Probode Chunder Dutt	Higher grade pleader.	July 1869 ...	Sylhet.
Doorga Churn Ghose	Ditto.	May 1870 ...	Jessore.
Munmothonath Chatterjee	Ditto.	Ditto ...	Ditto.
Nilmony Nag	Ditto.	April 1871 ...	Beerbhoom.
Surbanund Dass	B. L.	February 1871 ...	Dacca.
Seosunkur Sahoy	L. L.	Ditto ...	Purneah.
Mohendronath Bose	B. L.	February 1870 ...	Backergunge.
C. J. Lewis	Attorney-at-law.	July 1872 ..	Chota Nagpore.
Moti Lall Haldar	B. L.	February 1870 ...	Rungpore.
Shyamkishore Bose	B. L.	„ 1869 ...	Dinagepore.
Tara Prosunno Bose	L. L.	„ 1871 ...	Mymensingh.
Kylash Chundra Mozoomdar	B. L.	„ 1870 ...	Jessore.
Kanti Chundra Bhadooree	Higher Grade Pleader.	April 1871 ...	Beerbhoom.
Bhuggobutty Churn Mitter	L. L.	February 1872 ...	Shahabad.
Okhoy Kumar Bose	B. L.	Ditto ...	Noakholly.
Judooputtee Bannerjee	L. L.	February 1871 ...	Tipperah.
Trigunna Prosunno Bose	L. L.	„ 1869 ...	Chittagong.
Lall Gopal Sen	B. L.	„ 1873 ...	Shahabad.

The list of candidates now contains the names of many who have obtained the degree of M.A. of the Calcutta Unversity, and there is no doubt that the tone and efficiency of service is steadily improving and is likely to continue to do so.

STATEMENTS.

A.

ORIGINAL CASES INSTITUTED, DISPOSED OF, AND PENDING, 1875 AND 1876.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	COURTS.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	Reg. ...	16,106	15,359	15,765	15,346	2,084	2,130
	Burdwan, West ...	Reg. .	4,313	3,389	4,360	3,611	443	276
	Beerbhoom ...	Reg. .	4,108	4,236	4,057	4,211	563	697
	Midnapore ...	Reg. . .	15,147	13,410	15,301	13,925	1,914	1,632
		S. C. ...	823	990	863	945	22	110
	Hooghly ...	Reg. ...	9,658	10,276	9,406	10,603	1,362	1,183
		S. C. ...	2,967	3,627	2,862	3,647	175	155
		Total ...	53,122	51,287	52,614	52,288	6,563	6,183
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	Reg. ...	19,451	22,478	19,765	22,879	2,144	2,016
		S. C. ...	4,493	4,604	4,510	4,589	207	.258
	Nuddea ...	Reg. ...	7,905	8,195	8,315	8,152	1,251	1,389
		S. C. ...	8,669	7,966	8.874	8,037	454	385
	Jessore ...	Reg. ...	16,396	17,098	16,714	17,973	1,762	1,374
		S. C. ...	11,509	11,894	11,314	12,081	540	353
	Moorshedabad ...	Reg. ...	11,103	12,016	10,875	12,084	1,196	1,215
		S. C. ...	277	216	273	213	9	12
		Total ...	79,803	84,467	80,640	86,008	7,563	7,002
RAJSHAHYE .. AND COOCH BEHAR ...	Dinagepore ...	Reg. ...	12,103	13,513	12,127	13,392	997	1,216
	Rajshahye ...	Reg. ...	8,304	8,593	8,184	8,904	1,333	1,183
		S. C. ...	1,820	1,810	1,818	1,816	115	109
	Rungpore ..	Reg. ...	15,075	15,821	15,475	16,365	2,648	2,324
		Total ...	37,302	39,737	37,604	40,477	5,093	4,832
	Darjeeling and Julpigoree ...	Reg. ...	1,703	2,011	1,694	2,057	430	400
		S. C. ...	631	1,084	637	1,017	29	96
		Total ...	2,334	3,095	2,331	3,074	459	496
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	Reg. ...	24,157	15,932	23,301	16,245	2,596	2,452
		S. C. ...	5,493	5,201	5,740	5,172	327	303
	Fureedpore ...	Reg. ...	3,379	13,640	3,300	13,648	1,633	1,811
		S. C. ...	561	1,605	495	1,719	146	162
	Backergunge ...	Reg. ...	11,301	11,605	10,902	11,923	1,912	1,262
		S. C. ...	1,165	1,052	1,153	1,026	51	77
	Mymensingh ...	Reg. ...	18,040	18,667	17,858	18,603	2.491	2,555
	Tipperah ...	Reg. ...	22,570	24,015	22,412	24,997	3,644	3,033
		Total ...	86,666	91,717	85,161	93,333	12,800	11,655
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong . .	Reg. ..	12,992	13,817	12,816	14,826	2,,248	1,645
PATNA	Patna .	Reg. ...	3,375	3,446	3,210	3,458	985	1,032
		S. C. ...	909	1,153	917	1,130	65	88
	Gya ...	Reg. .	2,168	2,279	2,125	2,377	471	415
	Shahabad	Reg. ..	4,745	5,471	4,314	6,071	1,397	901
	Tirhoot .	Reg. ...	5,315	6,010	5,014	5,707	1,456	1,926
	Sarun ...	Reg. ...	4,392	5,096	4,234	5,326	747	706
		Total ...	20,934	23,455	19,814	24,069	5,121	5,068
BHAUGULPORE .	Bhaugulpore ...	Reg. ...	7,575	8,633	7,504	8,657	810	897
		S. C. .	3,768	3,592	3,630	3,619	374	317
	Purneah ...	Reg. ...	7,681	7,848	7,841	8,005	825	780
		Total ..	19,024	20,073	18,975	20,311	2,009	1,994
ORISSA .	Cuttack .	Reg. ..	4,663	4.792	4.447	4,885	850	831
		S. C. ...	1.990	2,629	1,953	2,611	109	127
		Total ...	6,653	7,421	6,400	7,496	959	958
CHOTA NAGPORE .	Chota Nagpore ...	Reg. ...	4,636	3,997	4,533	4,125	678	583
	Total ...	Reg. ...	278,391	291,643	275.849	298,355	40,870	37,864
		S. C. ...	45,075	47,423	45,039	47,652	2,623	2,552
	Grand Total ..		323,466	339,066	320,888	346,007	43,493	40,416
ASSAM PROVINCE..	Assam Valley ...	Reg. .	8,352	7,636	8,406	7,585	651	781
	Sylhet ...	Reg. ...	10,709	9.756	11,128	10,218	1.682	1,333
	Cachar ...	Reg. ...	1,750	2,037	1,777	2,042	157	151
		Total ...	20,811	19,429	21,311	19,845	2,490	2,265

B.

SUITS AND APPEALS PENDING MORE THAN ONE YEAR AT THE CLOSE OF 1875 AND 1876.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	1875.		1876.		REMARKS.
		SUITS.	APPEALS.	SUITS.	APPEALS.	
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	23	1	8	...	
	BURDWAN, WEST ..	1	...	...	...	
	BEERBHOOM ...	1	...	2	...	
	MIDNAPORE ...	...	63	1	...	
	HOOGHLY ...	1	6	...	.	
PRESIDENCY ..	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	2	1	8	...	
	NUDDEA ...	16	6	1	9	
	JESSORE ...	...	1	1	2	
	MOORSHEDABAD .	...	.	2	3	
RAJSHAHYE .. AND COOCH BEHAR ...	DINAGEPORE ...	3	...	1	...	
	RAJSHAHYE ...	21	20	1	25	
	RUNGPORE ...	6	25	10	13	
	DARJEELING AND JULPIGOREE	23	...	...	...	
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	6	6	13	2	
	FURREEDPORE ...	6	1	3	...	
	BACKERGUNGE ..	3	...	3	...	
	MYMENSINGH .	11	91	1	34	
	TIPPERAH ...	18	3	19	2	
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG ...	13	70	31	11	
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	9	5	12	16	
	GYA ...	7	74	5	46	
	SHAHABAD ...	16	2	1	1	
	TIRHOOT ...	8	7	...	5	
	SARUN ...	2	9	...	1	
BHAUGULPORE	BHAUGULPORE ...	2	1	8	1	
	PURNEAH ...	..	...	...	...	
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK ...	4	...	3	4	
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	2	...	1	...	
	Total ...	204	392	135	175	
ASSAM PROVINCE ...	ASSAM ...	2	...	2	3	
	SYLHET ...	3	...	...	...	
	CACHAR ...	...	...	.	.	
	Total ...	5	...	2	3	

C.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF SUITS INSTITUTED IN THE REGULAR CIVIL COURTS, 1872—76.

DISTRICT.	VALUE IN 1872.	NUMBER IN 1872.	NUMBER IN 1873.	NUMBER IN 1874.	NUMBER IN 1875.	NUMBER IN 1876.	VALUE IN 1876.
	Rs.						Rs.
BACKERGUNGE ...	12,91,696	11,691	12,149	11,323	11,301	11,605	10,96,362
BEERBHOOM ...	6,63,126	4,599	3,702	3,362	4,108	4,236	4,08,963
BHAUGULPORE ...	19,97,988	6,912	7,536	6,367	7,575	8,633	36,51,198
BURDWAN, EAST ...	11,68,792	10,636	13,466	14,010	16,106	15,359	32,24,864
BURDWAN, WEST...	1,88,404	4,851	4,184	4,053	4,313	3,389	2,25,336
CHITTAGONG ...	6,98,120	14,455	14,714	13,825	12,992	13,817	8,23,946
CUTTACK ...	8,16,394	3,804	4,578	4,111	4,663	4,792	10,73,193
DACCA ...	12,39,678	14,947	18,084	20,249	24,157	15,932	21,29,269
DINAGEPORE ...	7,21,000	10,244	10,775	9,515	12,103	13,513	9,74,894
FURREEDPORE ...	...	...	...	...	3,379	13,640	11,62,029
GYA ...	23,21,541	1,986	1,956	2,083	2,168	2,279	40,56,858
HOOGHLY ...	11,56,497	9,467	8,223	7,786	9,658	10,276	23,03,194
JESSORE ...	13,83,276	14,361	16,254	15,933	16,396	17,098	20,39,043
MIDNAPORE ...	13,28,240	9,126	11,143	12,891	15,147	13,410	37,46,831
MOORSHEDABAD ...	15,29,963	7,422	9,106	8,298	11,103	12,016	14,35,259
MYMENSINGH ...	17,82,639	15,449	16,680	16,052	18,040	18,667	13,63,555
NUDDEA ...	9,12,959	5,579	6,261	6,634	7,905	8,195	9,29,073
PATNA ...	12,36,362	2,554	3,637	3,205	3,375	3,446	30,61,211
PURNEAH ...	10,23,339	5,090	5,861	6,051	7,681	7,848	9,35,207
RAJSHAHYE ...	9,08,955	5,996	7,351	8,058	8,304	8,593	10,00,377
RUNGPORE ...	7,99,864	11,872	12,851	11,976	15,075	15,821	11,83,855
SARUN ...	29,88,909	3,842	4,340	3,662	4,392	5,096	17,62,198
SHAHABAD ...	11,31,759	4,747	4,053	4,286	4,745	5,471	15,75,208
TIPPERAH ...	30,80,606	21,728	23,454	21,208	22,570	24,015	16,25,551
TIRHOOT ...	24,93,497	4,728	5,441	4,244	5,345	6,010	28,21,187
24-PERGUNNAHS ...	57,22,970	15,108	16,720	17,189	19,451	22,478	21,31,244
CHOTA NAGPORE...	12,72,823	3,959	4,012	4,194	4,636	3,997	9,18,979
DARJEELING AND JULPIGOREE ...	2,44,684	1,364	1,395	1,617	1,703	2,011	3,19,745
Total of Regulation Provinces	**3,85,86,574**	**221,189**	**242,519**	**236,371**	**272,052**	**285,635**	**4,67,39,905**
Total of Non-Regn. Provinces ...	**15,17,507**	**5,323**	**5,407**	**5,811**	**6,339**	**6,008**	**12,38,724**
Grand Total ...	**4,01,04,081**	**226,512**	**247,926**	**242,182**	**278,391**	**291,643**	**4,79,78,629**
ASSAM ...	4,60,881	8,635	9,219	7,898	8,352	7,636	24,64,060
SYLHET ...	7,47,549	10,675	10,924	10,634	10,709	9,756	8,66,804
CACHAR ...	92,050	1,584	1,568	1,548	1,750	2,037	1,74,518
Total ...	**13,00,480**	**20,894**	**21,711**	**20,080**	**20,811**	**19,429**	**35,05,382**

D.

CLASSIFICATION OF SUITS INSTITUTED, 1872-1876.

REGULAR CIVIL COURTS, *i.e.*, EXCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

		Institutions for 1872.		Institutions for 1873.		Institutions for 1874.		Institutions for 1875.		Institutions for 1876.		Ratio of Increase from 1869 to 1876.
Backergunge.	S. C. C. class	3,755		3,675		2,700		2,663		1,959		
	Rent suits	7,325		7,680		7,608		7,026		6,947		
	Other cases	611		794		1,015		1,012		871		
			11,691		12,149		11,323		11,301		*9,777	207·84
Beerbhoom.	S. C. C. class	2,148		1,676		1,421		1,785		1,492		
	Rent suits	1,624		1,066		1,072		1,568		1,807		
	Other cases	827		960		869		755		937		
			4,599		3,702		3,362		4,108		4,236	16·53
Bhaugulpore.	S. C. C class	3,030		1,936		2,685		2,571		2,358		
	Rent suits	3,254		3,563		2,816		3,628		4,818		
	Other cases	628		2,037		866		1,376		1,457		
			6,912		7,536		6,367		7,575		8,633	114·67
Burdwan, East.	S. C. C. class	5,558		5,022		5,771		6,294		5,773		
	Rent suits	3,383		4,852		5,343		7,356		7,289		
	Other cases	1,695		3,592		2,896		2,456		2,297		
			10,636		13,466		14,010		16,106		15,359	172·03
Burdwan, West.	S. C. C. class	1,804		1,332		1,020		1,253		906		
	Rent suits	1,859		1,639		1,706		1,903		1,463		
	Other cases	1,188		1,213		1,327		1,157		1,020		
			4,851		4,184		4,053		4,313		3,389	12·81
Chittagong.	S. C. C. class	5,324		4,556		4,240		4,590		5,159		
	Rent suits	5,287		5,951		6,044		5,043		5,507		
	Other cases	3,844		4,207		3,541		3,359		3,151		
			14,455		14,714		13,825		12,992		13,817	66·29
Cuttack	S. C. C. class	2,879		2,611		2,221		2,654		3,394		
	Rent suits	...		...		..		...		..		
	Other cases	925		1,967		1,890		2,009		1,398		
			3,804		4,578		4,111		4,663		4,792	21·93
Dacca ...	S. C. C. class	6,730		9,482		10,981		13,157		10,624		
	Rent suits	6,489		6,696		7,058		8,148		3,198		
	Other cases	1,728		1,906		2,210		2,852		2,110		
			14,947		18,084		20,249		24,157		15,932	159·73
Dinagepore.	S. C. C. class	8,021		7,207		7,247		8,567		9,428		
	Rent suits	1,449		2,077		1,655		2,779		3,540		
	Other cases	574		1,491		613		757		545		
			10,044		10,775		9,515		12,103		13,513	97·12
Furreedpore.	S. C. C. class	...		...		.		1,805		6,852		
	Rent suits	. .		...		...		1,286		5,739		
	Other cases	...		...		...		288		1,049		
			...		.....		.....		3,379		13,640	...
Gya ...	S. C. C. class	937		659		722		1,171		1,200		
	Rent suits	540		465		578		548		610		
	Other cases	509		832		783		449		469		
			1,986		1,956		2,083		2,168		2,279	83·93
Hooghly	S. C. C. class	3,454		2,998		2,388		2,776		3,017		
	Rent suits	4,891		3,152		4,041		5,516		5,963		
	Other cases	1,121		2,073		1,357		1,366		1,296		
			9,466		8,223		7,786		9,658		10,276	94·47
Jessore ...	S. C. C class	1,885		1,802		1,829		2,009		2,249		
	Rent suits	10,961		12,801		12,062		12,280		12,693		
	Other cases	1,515		1,651		2,042		2,107		2,156		
			14,361		16,254		15,933		16,396		17,098	751·07
Midnapore.	S. C. C. class	3,237		4,255		5,699		6,575		5,212		
	Rent suits	4,820		5,021		5,386		6,879		6,869		
	Other cases	1,069		1,867		1,806		1,693		1,329		
			9,126		11,143		12,891		15,147		13,410	298·27
Moorshedabad.	S. C. C. class	4,269		4,814		4,179		4,977		5,121		
	Rent suits	2,573		3,608		3,340		5,198		5,626		
	Other cases	580		684		779		928		969		
			7,422		9,106		8,298		11,106		12,016	218·39
Mymensingh.	S. C. C. class	11,564		11,336		10,097		12,453		13,184		
	Rent suits	2,201		2,214		2,445		3,166		3,162		
	Other cases	1,684		3,100		3,510		2,421		2,321		
			15,449		16,680		16,052		18,040		18,667	67·85
Nuddea	S. C. C. class	506		621		1,627		1,640		1,669		
	Rent suits	4,157		4,670		3,986		5,092		5,210		
	Other cases	916		970		1,021		1,173		1,316		
			5,579		6,261		6,634		7,905		8,195	696·40
Patna ..	S. C. C. class	827		408		357		743		646		
	Rent suits	1,284		2,035		1,482		1,766		1,704		
	Other cases	453		1,194		1,366		866		1,096		
			2,564		3,637		3,205		3,375		3,446	306·01

1,928 cases have been excluded from this Statement because they could not be classified owing to the loss of records and registers by the cyclone in the Moonsiff's Court at Dukhin Shabazpore.

D—concluded.

CLASSIFICATION OF SUITS INSTITUTED, 1872-1876.

REGULAR CIVIL COURTS, *i. e.*, EXCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

		Institutions for 1872.		Institutions for 1873.		Institutions for 1874.		Institutions for 1875.		Institutions for 1876.		Ratio of Increase from 1869 to 1876.
Purneah	S. C. C. class	3,101		3,241		2,842		3,500		3,644		
	Rent suits	1,564		2,085		2,770		3,724		3,645		
	Other cases	425		535		439		457		559		
			5,090		5,861		6,051		7,681		7,848	88·06
Raj-shahye.	S. C. C. class	3,490		3,403		3,072		5,243		5,342		
	Rent suits	1,888		2,588		3,811		2,533		2,588		
	Other cases	618		1,360		1,175		528		663		
			5,996		7,351		8,058		8,304		8,593	159·13
Rungpore	S. C. C. class	7,940		7,990		7,787		10,232		9,895		
	Rent suits	3,160		3,517		3,305		4,236		5,414		
	Other cases	772		1,344		884		607		512		
			11,872		12,851		11,976		15,075		15,821	142·39
Arun ...	S. C. C. class	1,397		1,084		914		1,627		1,720		
	Rent suits	1,686		1,874		1,380		2,010		2,589		
	Other cases	759		1,382		1,368		755		787		
			3,842		4,340		3,662		4,392		5,096	181·54
Shahabad	S. C. C. class	774		814		1,407		1,426		1,626		
	Rent suits	2,622		1,897		1,902		2,348		2,777		
	Other cases	1,351		1,342		977		971		1,068		
			4,747		4,053		4,286		4,745		5,471	273·95
Tipperah	S. C. C. class	9,472		8,377		7,925		9,581		10,894		
	Rent suits	10,106		11,673		10,233		10,302		10,616		
	Other cases	2,150		3,404		3,050		2,687		2,505		
			21,728		23,454		21,208		22,570		24,015	147·60
Tirhoot ...	S. C. C. class	1,223		1,596		1,851		2,267		2,336		
	Rent suits	2,029		2,097		1,222		1,958		2,436		
	Other cases	1,471		1,748		1,171		1,120		1,238		
			4,723		5,441		4,244		5,345		6,010	213·51
24-Pergunnahs.	S. C. C. class	5,738		5,591		6,582		7,537		8,841		
	Rent suits	7,637		8,349		8,634		9,688		11,264		
	Other cases	1,733		2,780		1,973		2,226		2,373		
			15,108		16,720		17,189		19,451		22,478	251·27
Chota Nagpore.	S. C. C. class	3,422		3,325		3,542		3,765		3,4 7		
	Rent suits	...		...		...		...		...		
	Other cases	537		687		652		871		580		
			3,959		4,012		4,194		4,636		3,997	4·01
Darjeeling & Julpigoree.	S. C. C. class	1,167		1,030		1,412		1,502		1,812		
	Rent suits	...		...		...		...		...		
	Other cases	197		365		205		201		199		
			1,364		1,395		1,617		1,703		2,011	436·26
Total	S. C. C. class	103,652		100,841		102,518		124,363		130,070		*
	Rent suits	92,789		101,600		99,879		116,581		123,474		
	Other cases	29,880		45,485		39,785		37,447		36,271		
			226,321		247,926		242,182		278,391		289,815	156·68
Total of Regulation Districts.	S. C. C. class	99,063		96,486		97,564		119,096		124,841		
	Rent suits	92,789		101,600		99,879		116,581		123,474		
	Other cases	29,146		44,433		38,928		36,375		35,492		
			220,998		242,519		236,371		272,052		283,807	161·12
Total of Non-Regulation Districts.	S. C. C. class	4,589		4,355		4,954		5,267		5,229		
	Rent suits	...		...		...		...		...		
	Other cases	734		1,052		857		1,072		779		
			5,323		5,407		5,811		6,339		6,008	42·43
Assam Valley.	S. C. C. class	7,063		7,780		6,654		7,265		6,965		
	Rent suits	989		658		538		383		...		
	Other cases	583		781		706		704		671		
			8,635		9,219		7,898		8,352		7,636	—5·76
Sylhet ...	S. C. C. class	6,719		7,855		6,840		6,890		6,833		
	Rent suits	978		1,016		987		934		892		
	Other cases	2,978		2,053		2,807		2,885		2,031		
			10,675		10,924		10,634		10,709		9,756	7
Cachar ...	S. C. C. class	1,230		1,202		1,120		1,364		1,547		
	Rent suits	81		57		33		34		45		
	Other cases	273		309		395		352		445		
			1,584		1,568		1,548		1,750		2,037	39·52
Total	S. C. C. class	15,012		16,837		14,614		15,519		15,345		
	Rent suits	2,048		1,731		1,558		1,351		937		
	Other cases	3,834		3,143		3,908		3,941		3,147		
			20,894		21,711		20,080		20,811		19,429	9·72

E.

SUITS HOW DISPOSED OF IN ALL COURTS, *i.e.*, INCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Withdrawn, Compromised, Confessed, &c.	Decided ex-parte.	Contested (both parties present).	Total.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East	5,926	5,430	3,990	15,346
	Burdwan, West	1,948	770	893	3,611
	Beerbhoom	1,663	1,106	1,442	4,211
	Midnapore	6,529	4,324	3,072	13,925
	Small Cause Court ...	559	190	196	945
	Hooghly	3,823	3,941	2,839	10,603
	Small Cause Court ...	1,987	758	902	3,647
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs	8,772	8,101	6,006	22,879
	Small Cause Court ...	2,092	1,287	1,210	4,589
	Nuddea	2,886	2,661	2,605	8,152
	Small Cause Court ...	4,826	1,374	1,837	8,037
	Jessore	5,487	6,956	5,530	17,973
	Small Cause Court ...	6,099	3,406	2,576	12,081
	Moorshedabad	4,266	4,653	3,165	12,084
	Small Cause Court ...	77	65	71	213
RAJSHAHYE ... AND COOCH BEHAR...	Dinagepore	3,723	6,423	3,246	13,392
	Rajshahye	3,147	3,572	2,185	8,904
	Small Cause Court ...	1,003	361	452	1,816
	Rungpore	3,633	9,148	3,584	16,365
	Darjeeling and Julpigoree ...	643	898	516	2,057
	Small Cause Court ...	532	401	84	1,017
DACCA ...	Dacca	4,241	7,834	4,170	16,245
	Small Cause Court ...	2,531	1,952	689	5,172
	Furreedpore	3,704	6,866	3,078	13,648
	Small Cause Court ...	704	764	251	1,719
	Backergunge	2,888	6,160	2,875	11,923
	Small Cause Court ...	387	418	221	1,026
	Mymensingh	3,787	9,988	4,828	18,603
	Tipperah	9,006	8,781	7,210	24,997
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong	5,847	3,587	5,392	14,826
PATNA ...	Patna	1,057	635	1,766	3,458
	Small Cause Court ...	587	246	297	1,130
	Gya	736	531	1,110	2,377
	Shahabad	2,588	1,387	2,096	6,071
	Sarun	2,078	1,364	1,884	5,326
	Tirhoot	2,148	1,558	2,001	5,707
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore	3,323	2,696	2,638	8,657
	Small Cause Court ...	2,036	986	627	3,649
	Purneah	2,649	3,696	1,660	8,005
ORISSA ...	Cuttack	2,524	1,228	1,133	4,885
	Small Cause Court ...	1,743	423	445	2,611
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	1,883	851	1,391	4,125
	Total { Regular Courts ...	**100,905**	**115,145**	**82,305**	**298,355**
	Total { Small Cause Courts	**25,163**	**12,631**	**9,858**	**47,652**
	Grand Total	**126,068**	**127,776**	**92,163**	**346,007**
ASSAM PROVINCE ...	Assam Valley	3,448	1,123	3,014	7,585
	Sylhet	3,205	4,084	2,929	10,218
	Cachar	932	535	575	2,042
	Total	**7,585**	**5,742**	**6,518**	**19,845**

F.

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 119, ACT VIII OF 1859, FOR AN ORDER TO SET ASIDE AN EX-PARTE JUDGMENT, OR A JUDGMENT ON DEFAULT.

Districts.	Moonsiffs.							Sub-Judges.							Small Cause Courts.							Judges.						
	To set aside Ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on Default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside Ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on Default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside Ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside Ex-parte Judgment.	To set aside Judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Backergunge ...	409	120	529	168	230	*418	111	10	1	11	2	8	10	1	41	30	71	38	32	70	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom ...	88	44	132	53	38	91	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore ...	101	28	129	24	99	123	6	13	8	21	2	16	18	3	26	59	85	61	24	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, East ...	355	53	408	77	232	309	99	8	...	8	...	5	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, West ...	152	13	165	29	116	145	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong ...	351	205	556	196	253	449	107	6	1	7	5	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack ...	37	78	115	62	34	96	19	2	...	2	...	...	...	2	6	...	6	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca ...	110	46	156	56	44	100	56	9	...	9	...	7	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...
Dinagepore ...	105	54	159	75	63	138	21	6	15	21	13	7	20	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore ...	435	78	513	169	248	417	96	4	...	4	...	4	4	...	51	18	69	24	36	60	9	1	3	4	...	4	4	...
Gya ...	52	37	89	23	57	80	9	16	...	16	2	10	12	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly ...	188	45	233	91	111	202	31	10	4	14	7	7	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Jessore ...	752	131	883	298	474	772	111	3	3	6	5	...	5	1	307	240	547	335	193	528	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore ...	260	179	439	159	199	358	81	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	11	9	20	3	13	16	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	186	69	255	63	143	206	49	11	...	11	1	10	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh ...	215	37	252	81	130	211	41	14	...	14	3	10	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea ...	139	68	207	73	86	159	48	1	6	7	1	...	1	6	46	72	118	42	65	107	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna ...	90	71	161	31	115	146	15	34	...	34	1	17	18	16	4	4	8	2	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah ...	198	52	250	73	128	201	49	8	...	8	2	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	7	2	5	7	...
Rajshahye ...	226	65	291	106	157	263	28	32	...	32	3	25	28	4	28	20	48	14	31	45	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore ...	152	139	291	70	156	226	65	12	1	13	7	5	12	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun ...	156	54	210	108	57	165	45	9	...	9	2	6	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad ...	88	38	126	25	87	112	14	2	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah ...	275	151	426	139	169	308	118	2	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot ...	120	5	125	12	90	102	23	18	...	18	6	11	17	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	491	91	582	153	376	529	53	7	...	7	1	6	7	...	32	10	42	21	18	39	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore ...	20	15	35	15	10	25	10	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling and Julpigoree ...	17	20	37	11	12	†23	10	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	4	5	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	**5,768**	**1,988**	**7,754**	**2,440**	**3,914**	**6,374**	**1,376**	**240**	**39**	**279**	**64**	**164**	**228**	**51**	**553**	**466**	**1,019**	**547**	**422**	**969**	**50**	**9**	**4**	**13**	**4**	**9**	**13**	...
Assam ...	63	39	102	49	48	97	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ...	41	26	67	31	29	60	7	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cachar ...	3	8	11	6	4	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	**107**	**73**	**180**	**86**	**81**	**167**	**13**	**2**	...	**2**	...	**1**	**1**	**1**	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Not including 17 applications transferred to other Courts, and 3 cases swept off.
† " " 4 " " to the Sudder Moonsiff.

G.

DECREES EXECUTED IN THE REGULAR COURTS, *i.e.*, EXCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

DISTRICT.	1876.		
	COMPLETELY.	PARTIALLY.	AMOUNT REALIZED.
			Rs. A. P.
BACKERGUNGE	3,709	6,128	4,84,949 5 1
BEERBHOOM	1,168	3,623	1,03,925 0 3
BHAUGULPORE	1,602	4,833	7,94,217 12 11
BURDWAN, EAST	3,304	9,674	4,46,306 3 0
BURDWAN, WEST	1,829	2,986	87,082 1 0
CHITTAGONG	3,710	8,606	2,79,702 12 8
CUTTACK	861	2,967	3,33,789 13 8
DACCA	2,315	6,948	2,19,016 0 6
DINAGEPORE	1,357	5,949	2,89,252 0 0
FURREEDPORE	3,388	6,342	3,66,970 1 4
GYA	873	2,118	4,94,678 0 0
HOOGHLY	2,739	5,446	4,15,516 6 0
JESSORE	5,219	9,700	4,55,806 0 0
MIDNAPORE	2,722	8,485	2,57,733 0 0
MOORSHEDABAD	1,818	5,494	3,22,611 5 3
MYMENSINGH	3,472	10,734	3,62,557 7 0
NUDDEA	2,334	4,512	4,01,994 0 0
PATNA	1,511	2,242	4,40,601 0 0
PURNEAH	1,199	4,340	4,08,801 2 7
RAJSHAHYE	1,228	5,453	2,44,118 9 6
RUNGPORE	2,085	6,187	1,94,396 0 0
SARUN	1,633	3,473	7,22,237 8 2
SHAHABAD	1,864	2,997	4,64,163 14 5
TIPPERAH	4,542	9,858	3,31,166 13 3
TIRHOOT	2,182	4,091	11,36,857 0 0
24-PERGUNNAHS	5,575	9,778	7,71,852 0 0
CHOTA NAGPORE	833	4,942	1,41,017 14 11
DARJEELING AND JULPIGOREE	316	474	1,41,437 15 0
Total	**65,388**	**158,380**	**1,11,12,757 2 6**
ASSAM VALLEY	1,152	3,142	79,701 7 9
SYLHET	1,582	4,536	1,49,060 12 4
CACHAR	247	471	26,697 10 6
Total	**2,981**	**8,149**	**2,55,459 14 7**

H.

DECREES SATISFIED WITHOUT EXECUTION—1876.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFS.		SUB-JUDGE.		S. C. C. JUDGE.		JUDGE.	
	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
BACKERGUNGE ...	623	29,573 3 3	10	18,580 12 6	75	6,353 3 9	...	.....
BEERBHOOM ...	242	8,265 0 0	...	... ...	...	.....	2	4,000 0 0
BHAUGULPORE ...	286	24,029 3 0	29	33,326 1 4	178	6,956 1 6	...	... ...
BURDWAN, EAST ...	995	11,460 6 9	7	5,085 11 9	...	.....	...	... ...
BURDWAN, WEST ...	75	1,135 7 3	...	... ...	..	.....	...	... ...
CHITTAGONG ...	961	46,828 8 6	3	4,662 6 3	...	.....	...	... ...
CUTTACK ...	111	2,991 14 0	2	6,272 8 5	207	6,858 4 0	1	1,600 0 0
DACCA ...	360	8,787 12 11	4	5,962 1 3	...	.....	2	33 1 0
DINAGEPORE ...	275	10,227 0 0	16	1,646 0 0	...	.....	2	15,598 0 0
FURREEDPORE ...	216	3,007 9 0	...	... ...	81	1,160 4 0	1	17 3 0
GYA ...	37	8,033 10 7	16	18,476 6 9	...	.....	...	... ...
HOOGHLY ...	583	13,436 2 3	4	4,926 4 0	...	... ...	2	15,412 14 0
JESSORE ...	860	15,683 14 8	1	1,264 7 8	750	15,483 11 6	...	... ...
MIDNAPORE ...	559	13,305 0 0	5	2,323 0 0	51	2,957 15 0	2	32 0 0
MOORSHEDABAD ...	455	16,982 5 4	14	4,252 13 10	...	.....	...	... ...
MYMENSINGH ...	522	21,007 7 0	8	2,328 7 0	...	... ...	...	.....
NUDDEA ...	310	10,367 5 6	...	... ...	509	18,987 0 9	...	... ...
PATNA ...	40	3,799 11 11	8	23,953 1 3	57	1,354 13 11	2	193 2 7
PURNEAH ...	97	43,661 1 2	2	9,054 6 0	...	... ...	...	... ...
RAJSHAHYE ...	232	8,586 6 9	1	1,595 8 2	59	2,833 9 6	...	... ...
RUNGPORE ...	300	9,996 0 0	1	1,666 0 0	...	... ...	...	... ...
SARUN ...	193	23,458 5 4	7	13,053 12 9	...	... ...	...	... ...
SHAHABAD ...	246	20,658 2 6	12	10,071 12 0	...	... ...	...	... ...
TIPPERAH ...	867	23,268 13 1	...	... ...	...	... ...	...	... ...
TIRHOOT ...	142	25,108 0 0	8	64,584 0 0	...	... ...	...	... ...
24-PERGUNNAHS ...	972	27,532 3 9	20	13,262 8 9	408	20,744 14 9	1	40 5 0
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	74	3,477 8 0	1	1,799 11 5	...	... ...	...	... ...
DARJEELING AND JULPIGOREE ...	11	830 15 3	..	... ...	108	2,638 0 0	...	... ...
Total ...	**10,644**	**4,35,499 1 9**	**179**	**2,48,147 13 1**	**2,483**	**86,327 14 8**	**15**	**36,926 9 7**
ASSAM ...	296	12,909 15 8	6	183 1 0	...	... ...	...	... ...
SYLHET ...	289	11,797 7 5	15	374 5 0	...	... ...	...	... ...
CACHAR ...	10	353 1 0	...	... ...	...	... ...	1	799 1 9
Total ...	**595**	**25,060 8 1**	**21**	**557 6 0**	...	.....	**1**	**799 1 9**

I.

ORIGINAL MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed.		Pending.	
		1875.	1876	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	2,677	2,541	2,606	2,608	470	403
	Burdwan, West ...	1,383	898	1,477	925	231	204
	Beerbhoom ...	891	896	807	886	222	211
	Midnapore .	3,363	2,328	3,827	2,347	637	400
	Hooghly	3,153	2,642	2,998	2,653	494	483
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs .	2,515	2,830	2,504	2,823	253	260
	Nuddea ..	2,955	2,615	2,981	2,708	606	570
	Jessore . .	3,642	4,180	3,397	3,992	509	665
	Moorshedabad ...	1,085	1,097	1,017	1,058	170	190
RAJSHAHYE ... AND COOCH BEHAR ..	Dinagepore ...	874	837	847	868	135	104
	Rajshahye	1,023	1,136	943	1,204	274	196
	Rungpore	1,211	1,310	1,254	1,285	309	320
	Darjeeling and Julpigoree ...	213	226	161	264	82	38
DACCA	Dacca ...	2,256	1,520	2,125	1,416	253	368
	Furreedpore ...	448	2,220	385	2,051	260	497
	Backergunge ...	1,721	1,775	1,708	1,667	339	350
	Mymensingh	2,111	2,075	2,023	2,159	426	342
	Tipperah ..	3,423	3,525	3,692	3,638	1,024	922
CHITTAGONG .	Chittagong ...	2,111	2,005	2,045	2,066	361	300
PATNA ..	Patna ...	1,178	1,332	1,183	1,360	244	230
	Gya ..	884	1,020	863	1,016	139	143
	Shahabad	886	906	855	838	149	140
	Sarun .	1,669	1,740	1,675	1,801	303	242
	Tirhoot . .	1,326	1,558	1,388	1,499	290	349
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	1,702	977	1,784	1,027	168	86
	Purneah ...	1,699	2,315	1,623	2,284	322	353
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	655	869	650	873	114	109
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore	701	988	719	931	166	270
	Total ...	**47,848**	**48,361**	**47,540**	**48,247**	**8,950**	**8,745**
ASSAM PROVINCE	Assam Vallly	1,319	836	1,343	800	142	107
	Sylhet .	1,121	1,009	1,139	1,034	180	155
	Cachar ..	116	179	139	174	26	31
	Total	**2,586**	**2,024**	**2,621**	**2,008**	**348**	**293**

J.

APPEALS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	855	895	887	796	351	486
	Burdwan, West ...	253	206	370	233	45	32
	Beerbhoom ...	301	288	393	300	84	78
	Midnapore ...	799	974	609	1,151	603	490
	Hooghly ...	659	859	658	892	216	192
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	1,082	1,169	1,330	1,250	293	229
	Nuddea ...	614	613	776	677	551	518
	Jessore ...	931	807	1,072	820	365	450
	Moorshedabad ...	314	384	306	237	87	251
RAJSHAHYE, AND COOCH BEHAR ...	Dinagepore ...	401	426	500	443	113	109
	Rajshahye ...	674	578	975	436	230	378
	Rungpore ...	704	572	342	745	542	390
	Darjeeling and Julpigoree ...	59	86	88	71	4	19
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	1,485	906	1,226	1,155	648	417
	Furreedpore ...	134	643	161	398	144	398
	Backergunge ...	790	724	1,355	837	205	117
	Mymensingh ...	1,124	1,113	1,092	1,404	636	388
	Tipperah ..	1,702	1,641	1,887	1,358	711	1,036
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	1,348	1,268	1,158	1,693	1,025	646
PATNA ...	Patna ...	648	894	717	881	379	424
	Gya ...	416	493	363	462	314	357
	Shahabad ...	626	970	530	915	218	282
	Sarun ...	678	1,031	920	988	314	377
	Tirhoot ...	647	750	697	682	524	622
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore ...	1,316	877	1,165	963	415	356
	Purneah ...	400	382	381	414	39	9
ORISSA ..	Cuttack ...	339	359	330	348	209	224
CHOTA NAGPORE ..	Chota Nagpore ...	501	454	389	447	169	174
	Total ...	**19,830**	**20,422**	**20,677**	**20,996**	**9,434**	**9,449**
ASSAM PROVINCE	Assam Valley ...	730	748	672	682	102	170
	Sylhet ...	929	695	697	878	413	240
	Cachar ...	84	69	92	57	12	21
	Total ...	**1,743**	**1,512**	**1,461**	**1,617**	**527**	**431**

K.

NUMBER OF APPELLATE JUDGES AND OF APPEALS PREFERRED, WITH RATIO OF APPEALS TO DECISIONS.

Division.	District.	Appellate Judges.	Original suits tried on merits.	Appeals preferred.	Ratio per cent. of Appeals to original decisions.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East	3	3,990	895	22·43
	Burdwan, West	1	893	206	23·06
	Beerbhoom	2	1,442	288	19·97
	Midnapore	2	3,072	974	31·70
	Hooghly	3	2,839	859	30·25
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs	4	6,006	1,169	19·46
	Nuddea	3	2,605	613	23·53
	Jessore	2	5,530	867	15·67
	Moorshedabad	2	3,165	384	12·13
RAJSHAHYE ...	Dinagepore	2	3,246	426	13·12
	Rajshahye	2½	2,185	578	26·45
	Rungpore	2½	3,584	572	15·95
AND COOCH BEHAR ...	Darjeeling and Julpigoree ...	3	516	86	16·66
DACCA ...	Dacca	3	4,170	906	21·72
	Furreedpore	2	3,078	643	20·89
	Backergunge	3	2,875	724	25·53
	Mymensingh	3	4,828	1,113	23·05
	Tipperah	4	7,210	1,641	22·76
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong	4	5,392	1,268	23·52
PATNA ...	Patna	2	1,766	894	50·62
	Gya	2	1,110	493	44·14
	Shahabad	2	2,096	970	46·28
	Sarun	2	1,884	1,031	54·72
	Tirhoot	4	2,001	750	37·48
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore	3	2,638	877	33·24
	Purneah	2	1,660	382	23·01
ORISSA ...	Cuttack	2	1,133	359	32·56
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore	6	1,391	454	32·63
	Total ...	76	82,305	20,422	24·81
ASSAM PROVINCE ...	Assam Valley	10	3,014	748	24·81
	Sylhet	2	2,929	695	23·72
	Cachar	1	575	69	12·
	Total ...	13	6,518	1,512	23·19

L.

APPEALS INSTITUTED IN 1872—76.

DISTRICT.		In 1872.		In 1873.		In 1874.		In 1875.		In 1876.	
Backergunge	Civ. ...	510		894		797		378		325	
	Rev. ...	1		...		...		412		399	
			511		894		797		790		724
Beerbhoom ...	Civ. ...	219		244		231		202		160	
	Rev. ...	96		95		108		99		128	
			315		339		339		301		288
Bhaugulpore	Civ. ...	389		573		1,017		488		404	
	Rev. ...	551		778		...		828		473	
			940		1,351		1,017		1,316		877
Burdwan, East.	Civ. ...	718		620		763		565		578	
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		290		317	
			718		620		763		855		895
Burdwan, West.	Civ. ...	227		219		186		167		152	
	Rev. ...	130		118		102		86		54	
			357		337		288		253		206
Chittagong...	Civ. ...	922		926		1,039		1,044		958	
	Rev. ...	258		370		301		304		310	
			1,180		1,296		1,340		1,348		1,268
Cuttack ...	Civ. ...	232		247		282		268		308	
	Rev. ...	88		52		56		71		51	
			320		299		338		339		359
Dacca ...	Civ. ...	1,146		1,712		1,547		859		617	
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		626		289	
			1,146		1,712		1,547		1,485		906
Dinagepore...	Civ. ...	493		509		434		283		278	
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		118		148	
			493		509		434		401		426
Furreedpore	Civ. ...	...		...		...		62		308	
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		72		335	
			...		...		...		134		643
Gya ...	Civ. ...	383		403		484		265		335	
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		151		158	
			383		403		484		416		493
Hooghly ...	Civ. ...	570		413		504		390		500	
	Rev. ...	327		247		242		269		359	
			897		660		746		659		859
Jessore ...	Civ. ...	386		418		404		491		459	
	Rev. ...	496		518		677		440		408	
			882		936		1,081		931		867
Midnapore ...	Civ. ...	499		486		431		510		597	
	Rev. ...	299		331		260		289		377	
			798		817		691		799		974
Moorshedabad.	Civ. ...	282		368		228		158		193	
	Rev. ..	123		209		188		156		191	
			405		577		416		314		384
Mymensingh	Civ. ...	1,212		1,186		1,075		814		726	
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		310		387	
			1,212		1,186		1,075		1,124		1,113
Nuddea ...	Civ. ...	554		556		711		271		283	
	Rev. ...	2		...		...		373		330	
			556		556		711		644		613
Patna ...	Civ. ...	645		962		665		366		420	
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		282		474	
			645		962		665		648		894
Purneah ...	Civ. ...	421		436		354		170		137	
	Rev. ...	2		...		...		230		245	
			423		436		354		400		382
Rajshahye ...	Civ. ...	302		324		309		261		350	
	Rev. ...	397		303		698		413		228	
			699		627		1,007		674		578
Rungpore ...	Civ. ...	431		816		566		385		339	
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		319		233	
			431		816		566		704		572

L.—*concluded.*

APPEALS INSTITUTED IN 1872—76.

DISTRICT.		In 1872.		In 1873.		In 1874.		In 1875.		In 1876.	
SARUN ...	Civ. ...	691		721		684		388		502	
	Rev. ...	1		1		3		290		529	
			692		722		687		678		1,031
SHAHABAD ...	Civ. ...	577		604		553		392		498	
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		234		472	
			577		604		553		626		970
TIPPERAH ...	Civ. ...	1,161		1,988		1,809		808		821	
	Rev. ...	9		...		...		894		820	
			1,170		1,988		1,809		1,702		1,641
TIRHOOT ...	Civ. ...	386		468		461		360		397	
	Rev. ...	294		559		366		287		353	
			680		1,027		827		647		750
24-PERGUNNAHS.	Civ. ...	1,250		1,418		1,370		654		670	
	Rev. ...	2		1		...		428		499	
			1,252		1,419		1,370		1,082		1,169
CHOTA NAGPORE.	Civ. ...	392		366		289		387		344	
	Rev. ...	94		86		47		114		110	
			486		452		336		501		454
DARJEELING & JULPIGOREE.	Civ. ...	55		55		61		44		77	
	Rev. ...	27		8		9		15		9	
			82		63		70		59		86
Grand Total	Civ. ...	15,053		17,932		17,254		11,430		11,736	
	Rev. ...	3,197		3,676		3,057		8,400		8,686	
			18,250		21,608		20,311		19,830		20,422
Total of Regn. Dists.	Civ. ...	14,606		17,511		16,904		10,999		11,315	
	Rev. ...	3,076		3,582		3,001		8,271		8,567	
			17,682		21,093		19,905		19,270		19,882
Total of Non-Regn. Dists.	Civ. ...	447		421		350		431		421	
	Rev. ...	121		94		56		129		119	
			568		515		406		560		540
ASSAM VALLEY	Civ. ...	672		691		595		725		748	
	Rev. ...	13		5		6		5		...	
			685		696		601		730		748
SYLHET ...	Civ. ...	588		579		604		787		637	
	Rev. ...	71		71		63		142		58	
			659		650		667		929		695
CACHAR ...	Civ. ...	95		99		79		84		69	
	Rev. ...	...		...		...		...		...	
			95		99		79		84		69
Total ...	Civ. ...	1,355		1,369		1,278		1,596		1,454	
	Rev. ...	84		76		69		147		58	
			1,439		1,445		1,347		1,743		1,512

M.

APPEALS HOW DISPOSED OF.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise Disposed of.	Total.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	494	72	157	32	41	796
	Burdwan, West ...	114	29	75	14	1	233
	Beerbhoom ...	208	25	59	5	3	300
	Midnapore ...	765	82	284	12	8	1,151
	Hooghly ...	626	40	157	29	31	892
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	879	103	223	22	23	1,250
	Nuddea ...	431	45	172	24	5	677
	Jessore ...	594	32	114	31	49	820
	Moorshedabad ...	156	20	40	5	16	237
RAJSHAHYE ... AND	Dinagepore ...	267	34	87	32	23	443
	Rajshahye ...	214	68	110	5	30	436
	Rungpore ...	425	39	226	42	13	745
COOCH BEHAR ...	Darjeeling and Julpigoree.	51	3	17	...	...	71
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	685	145	260	39	26	1,155
	Furreedpore ...	242	19	95	36	6	398
	Backergunge ...	569	25	170	13	60	837
	Mymensingh ...	836	118	341	40	69	1,404
	Tipperah ...	901	130	228	18	81	1,358
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	991	149	349	76	128	1,693
PATNA ...	Patna ...	591	129	125	21	15	881
	Gya ...	267	43	104	18	30	462
	Shahabad ...	583	68	184	24	56	915
	Sarun ...	665	23	204	76	20	988
	Tirhoot ...	439	98	74	32	39	682
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	573	72	210	50	58	963
	Purneah ...	260	2	115	37	...	414
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	231	26	62	9	20	348
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore...	235	31	106	45	30	447
	Total ...	**13,292**	**1,679**	**4,357**	**787**	**881**	**20,996**
ASSAM PROVINCE ...	Assam Valley ...	432	36	158	31	25	682
	Sylhet ...	654	83	108	12	21	878
	Cachar ...	35	5	10	7	...	57
	Total ...	**,1121**	**124**	**276**	**50**	**46**	**1,617**

N.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of		Pending.	
		1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.	1875.	1876.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	66	91	62	98	28	21
	Burdwan, West ...	39	22	39	26	5	1
	Beerbhoom ...	42	38	53	46	8	16
	Midnapore ...	55	40	53	40	13	13
	Hooghly ..	79	52	79	63	18	7
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ..	53	55	45	67	14	2
	Nuddea ...	56	81	59	49	28	60
	Jessore ...	67	85	65	43	19	61
	Moorshedabad ...	33	25	33	15	4	14
RAJSHAHYE ... AND	Dinagepore ...	26	44	34	40	4	8
	Rajshahye ...	78	112	59	52	92	152
	Rungpore ...	70	39	64	60	59	38
COOCH BEHAR ...	Darjeeling and Julpigoree.	9	7	9	5	1	3
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	93	52	96	70	35	17
	Furreedpore ...	20	39	10	35	14	18
	Backergunge ...	72	85	129	84	14	16
	Mymensingh ...	111	92	125	82	52	61
	Tipperah ...	152	145	126	154	128	119
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	99	88	65	116	47	19
PATNA ...	Patna ...	81	111	73	85	46	75
	Gya ...	78	55	15	28	98	125
	Shahabad ...	48	42	40	55	16	3
	Sarun ...	41	56	44	48	18	26
	Tirhoot ...	91	60	90	67	33	26
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore ...	107	54	105	59	29	24
	Purneah ...	35	50	35	47	...	3
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	17	20	20	34	10	2
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore ...	58	61	46	57	14	18
	Total ...	1,779	1,701	1,673	1,625	847	948
ASSAM PROVINCE	Assam Valley ...	57	68	41	60	16	12
	Sylhet	43	38	40	39	26	25
	Cachar	1	1	1	1	...	...
	Total ...	101	107	82	100	42	37

O.

BUSINESS OF THE COURTS OF SMALL CAUSES, 1876.

SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

DIVISION.	COURT.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1876.	Total for disposal.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	Contested. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Contested. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
BURDWAN.	Midnapore ...	22	990	1,012	1	133	8	37	880	157	33	150	46	945	110
	Hooghly ...	32	636	668	...	32	24	95	193	144	...	109	42	639	29
	Serampore ...	30	1,067	1,097	15	90	19	133	331	195	...	163	72	1,048	49
	Howrah ...	113	1,924	2,037	44	102	129	165	585	418	1	411	105	1,960	77
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah ...	205	4,397	4,602	48	429	11	677	846	1,215	29	816	311	4,382	256
	Dum-Dum Cantonment ...	2	49	51	1	5	...	7	12	9	...	13	3	50	1
	Barrackpore Cantonment...	...	158	158	...	25	2	6	23	32	2	48	19	157	1
	Kishnaghur...	133	1,903	2,036	8	159	26	186	688	478	17	233	117	1,912	124
	Ranaghat ...	81	1,220	1,301	6	186	32	105	413	218	6	175	95	1,236	65
	Meherpore ...	103	1,320	1,423	...	68	21	158	608	252	20	190	57	1,374	51
	Kooshteah ...	123	2,284	2,407	...	149	72	692	432	245	3	555	118	2,266	141
	Chooadangah	14	1,239	1,253	1	36	20	421	339	135	...	238	59	1,249	4
	Jessore ..	228	5,194	5,422	5	673	32	141	2,160	1,121	62	750	405	5,349	73
	Magoorah ...	77	1,676	1,753	...	170	50	136	418	567	3	209	134	1,687	67
	Jhenida ...	86	2,133	2,219	2	160	50	80	956	445	7	286	168	2,154	65
	Narail ...	149	2,891	3,040	2	322	119	82	541	1,176	25	440	184	2,891	148
RAJSHAHYE.	Berhampore S. C. Court ...	9	216	225	...	14	13	11	39	65	...	53	18	213	12
	Beauleah ...	17	610	627	...	68	22	83	120	179	...	102	40	615	12
	Pubna ...	98	1,200	1,298	...	93	69	102	446	182	...	230	79	1,201	97
COOCH BEHAR.	Darjeeling ...	29	1,084	1,113	...	119	14	194	205	400	1	68	16	1,017	96
DACCA	Dacca ...	67	2,787	2,854	6	391	45	554	586	731	21	283	130	2,747	134
	Moonsheegunge ...	180	2,414	2,594	7	531	39	156	216	1,149	51	201	75	2,425	169
	Bhangah ...	85	591	676	2	129	19	67	84	347	2	76	45	771	27
	Fubreedpore	61	1,014	1,075	...	200	19	61	123	405	10	87	43	948	135
	Backergunge ...	51	1,052	1,103	...	163	10	84	130	393	25	121	100	1,026	77
PATNA	Patna ...	52	764	816	...	19	8	150	185	160	13	139	85	759	60
	Dinapore ...	9	273	282	...	47	1	43	62	51	2	42	8	256	23
	Dinapore Cantonment ...	4	116	120	...	21	1	18	32	20	...	15	8	115	
BHAUGULPORE	Monghyr ...	95	1,560	1,655	...	284	6	182	381	416	6	180	97	1,555	100
	Bhaugulpore ...	279	2,032	2,311	9	633	...	186	352	555	9	210	110	2,094	217
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	109	2,629	2,738	3	433	251	369	684	416	7	276	109	2,611	127
	Total ...	2,543	47,423	49,966	160	5,884	1,165	5,381	12,573	12,276	355	6,900	2,958	47,652	2,552

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BUSINESS OF THE COURTS OF SMALL CAUSES FOR 1875 AND 1876.

DIVISION	COURT.	1875 SUITS. Instituted.	1875 SUITS. Disposed of	1875 SUITS. Pending.	1876 SUITS. Instituted	1876 SUITS. Disposed of	1876 SUITS. Pending.
BURDWAN	Midnapore	823	863	22	990	945	110
	Hooghly	555	531	32	636	639	29
	Serampore ..	909	912	30	1,067	1,048	19
	Howrah	1,503	1,419	113	1,921	1,960	77
PRESIDENCY ..	Sealdah ...	4,264	4,248	205	4,397	4,382	256
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	39	44	2	49	50	1
	Barrackpore Cantonment	165	166	...	158	157	1
	Krishnaghur	1,885	1,888	133	1,903	1,912	124
	Ranaghat	1,381	1,430	81	1,220	1,236	65
	Meherpore	1,505	1,508	93	1,320	1,374	51
	Kooshteah	2,531	2,683	123	2,284	2,266	141
	Chooadangah ...	1,377	1,376	14	1,239	1,249	4
	Jessore	4,810	4,669	228	5,194	5,319	73
	Magoorah ..	1,641	1,592	77	1,676	1,687	67
	Jhenida	2,360	2,320	86	2,133	2,154	65
	Narail	2,698	2,733	149	2,891	2,891	148
RAJSHAHYE	Berhampore S. C. C. ...	277	273	9	216	213	12
	Beauleah ...	466	479	17	610	615	12
	Pubna	1,354	1,339	98	1,200	1,201	97
COOCH BEHAR ...	Darjeeling	631	637	29	1,084	1,017	96
DACCA	Dacca . ..	2,465	2,494	67	2,787	2,747	134
	Moonsheegunge ..	1,875	1,747	180	2,414	2,425	169
	Bhangah ...	1,222	1,219	85	591	771	27
	Furreeldpore ...	769	775	61	1,014	948	135
	Backergunge .	1,165	1,153	51	1,052	1,026	77
PATNA .	Patna	556	568	52	764	759	60
	Dinapore	267	264	9	273	256	23
	Dinapore Cantonment ..	86	85	1	116	115	5
BHAUGULPORE ...	Monghyr	1,691	1,759	95	1,560	1,555	100
	Bhaugulpore .	2,077	1,873	279	2,032	2,094	217
ORISSA ...	Cuttack	2,005	1,953	109	2,629	2,611	127
	Total ...	45,352	45,000	2,533	47,423	47,652	2,552

P 1.

WORK DONE BY DISTRICT JUDGES, 1876.

DISTRICT.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions Trials.	No. of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge ...	105	145	4	205	235	84	94	148
Beerbhoom ...	182*	49*	21	566	179	46	18	37
Bhaugulpore ...	170	80	6	158	407	59	53	155
Burdwan, East ...	180	53	21	581	222	98	32	143
Burdwan, West ...	203	47	17	331	233	26	19	14
Chittagong ...	122	11½	...	41	293	5	...	19
Cuttack ...	158	93	..	115	289	34	62	143
Dacca ...	158	95	8	587	312	70	72	166
Dinagepore ...	109	117	8	174	226	40	72	85
Furreedpore ...	142	96	...	169	256	35	31	66
Gya ...	183	76	3	106	23	28	16	48
Hooghly ...	178	61	7	576	370	63	26	130
Jessore ...	129	113	...	235	407	43	76	125
Midnapore ...	124	124	2	454	523	40	76	201
Moorshedabad ...	80	148	1	155	125	15	53	135
Mymensingh ...	90	171	1	375	29	82	51	93
Nuddea ...	124	125	5	315	284	49	66	167
Patna ...	167	79	7	636	544	85	18	246
Purneah ...	198	48†	1	148	412	47	29	44
Rajshahye ...	116½	140½	...	250	25	51	50	202
Rungpore ...	55	217	...	134	52	60	93	128
Sarun ...	199	44	...	386	850	48	39	84
Shahabad ...	159	84	1	303	432	55	43	128
Tipperah ...	187	45	2	455	344	154	5	171
Tirhoot ...	145	89	10	388	223	67	62	84
24-Pergunnahs ...	233	1‡	8	543	754	67	1	212
Chota Nagpore ...	114	107	1	11	223	23	72	77
Darjeeling and Julpigoree	114	32	1	44	71	5	23	30
Total ...	**4,124½**	**2,491**	**135**	**8,841**	**8,343**	**1,479**	**1,252**	**3,281**
Assam ...	97	60	2	37	142	23	17	131
Sylhet ..	138½	89½	2	445	267	39	65	148§
Cachar ...	...	12½	12	72	57	1	11	39‖
Total ...	**235½**	**161½**	**16**	**554**	**466**	**63**	**93**	**318**

* Besides these days, 19 days were partially occupied in civil and criminal work.
† Civil work was also taken up on those days.
‡ Entirely occupied in sessions work. No separate days are set apart for criminal appellate work, as the cases were taken up whenever ready. Time estimated, equal to 30 days.
§ Exclusive of the 18 miscellaneous criminal motions and one reference under section 507 C. C. P. that were disposed of during the year.
‖ Besides these. 4 miscellaneous criminal motions and 5 references under section 36 C. C. P. were disposed of during the year.

P 2.

WORK DONE BY ADDITIONAL JUDGES.

DISTRICT.	Days Civil.	Days Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions Trial.	No. of Criminal Appeals.
Hooghly ...	...	37	...	...	...	...	22	...
Tipperah ...	151	64	...	...	294	...	79	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	104	95	7	129	171	...	74	20
Chittagong	161	69	10	333	382	111	34	52
Patna Division ...	89	159	1	33	168	...	88	...
Total ...	**505**	**424**	**18**	**495**	**1,015**	**111**	**297**	**72**

P 3.

WORK DONE BY SUBORDINATE JUDGES.

DISTRICT.	1875. Original suits disposed of.	1875. Miscellaneous.	1875. Regular Appeals disposed of.	1875. Miscellaneous Appeals.	1876. Original suits disposed of.	1876. Miscellaneous.	1876. Regular Appeals disposed of.	1876. Miscellaneous Appeals.
Backergunge — 1st Subordinate Judge ...	116	485	475	...	71	138	290	...
Backergunge — 2nd Ditto ...	49	85	424	...	55	443	312	...
Beerbhoom	18	59	239	...	21	67	121	...
Bhaugulpore — 1st Ditto ...	247	873	504	...	273	803	464	...
Bhaugulpore — 2nd Ditto ...	...	11	263	...	...	2	92	...
Burdwan, East — 1st Ditto ...	111	570	234	...	154	630	286	...
Burdwan, East — 2nd Ditto ...	25	91	399	...	16	23	288	...
Burdwan, West	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong — 1st Ditto ...	34	183	574	...	53	124	495	...
Chittagong — 2nd Ditto ...	19	49	500	...	45	147	523	...
Cuttack	74	194	48	...	82	214	59	...
Dacca — 1st Ditto ...	117	390	466	...	164	628	372	...
Dacca — 2nd Ditto ...	...	...	38	...	26	11	471	...
Dacca — Sub. Judge of Furreedpore	47	121	136	11	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore	58	164	266	...	484	294	217	...
Furreedpore	15	92	51	1	47	180	142	...
Gya	200	923	298	...	272	799	385	...
Hooghly — Subordinate Judge ...	170	602	196	...	171	651	274	...
Hooghly — Small Cause Court Judge with powers of Sub. Judge	2	2	203	...	3	...	248	...
Jessore	89	429	404	...	114	462	413	...
Midnapore — 1st Subordinate Judge ...	155	482	258	...	147	469	315	...
Midnapore — 2nd Ditto ...	1	...	87	...	1	4	313	...
Moorshedabad	137	399	111	...	137	421	112	...
Mymensingh — 1st Ditto ...	88	348	446	...	75	410	670	...
Mymensingh — 2nd Ditto ...	66	322	487	1	71	308	705	...
Nuddea — 1st Ditto ...	103	209	361	...	124	352	183	...
Nuddea — 2nd Ditto ...	...	...	...	...	...	7	210	...
Patna — 1st Ditto ...	4	548	478	...	263	800	259	...
Patna — 2nd Ditto ...	198	166	...	...	11	11	...	...
Purneah	122	377	52	...	109	363	2	...
Rajshahye — 1st Ditto ...	101	290	188	9	5	312	401	1
Rajshahye — 2nd Ditto ...	16	58	745	21	102	86	10	...
Rungpore — 1st Ditto ...	64	193	175	...	68	208	415	...
Rungpore — 2nd Ditto ...	38	...	142	...	...	...	278	...
Sarun	197	665	175	...	216	707	138	...
Shahabad	126	542	247	...	176	572	483	...
Tipperah — 1st Ditto ...	171	522	393	...	125	543	524	...
Tipperah — 2nd Ditto ...	...	114	678	...	38	93	196	...
Tipperah — 3rd Ditto ...	...	22	346	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot — 1st Ditto ...	376	1,290	60	...	310	1,470	216	...
Tirhoot — 2nd Ditto ...	...	...	...	...	147	13	207	...
24-Pergunnahs — 1st Ditto ...	109	285	233	...	134	280	125	...
24-Pergunnahs — 2nd Ditto ...	79	267	234	...	83	271	200	...
Chota Nagpore	202	648	159	12	182	743	224	34
Darjeeling and Julpigoree ...	30	75	...	...	33	96	...	...
Total ...	**3,774**	**13,145**	**11,773**	**55**	**4,608**	**14,155**	**11,638**	**35**
Assam	85	179	456	27	38	124	540	37
Sylhet	972	553	547	...	718	409	611	...
Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	**1,057**	**732**	**1,003**	**27**	**756**	**533**	**1,151**	**37**

P 4.

WORK DONE BY MOONSIFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1875.		1876.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
BACKERGUNGE ...	1st, Burrisal ...	1,491	1,813	1,407	1,730	
	2nd, do. ...	1,428	1,337	1,597	1,869	
	3rd, do. ...	962	992	1,276	1,104	
	4th, do. ...	412	20	396	16	
	1st, Perozepore ...	1,512	2,224	1,676	1,852	
	2nd, do. ...	1,056	369	1,056	652	
	Partooakhali ...	1,746	1,666	1,818	1,448	
	1st, Dukhin Shabazpore ...	1,498	1,987	1,898	1,724	
	2nd, do. ...	643	48	...	...	
	Extra at Patooakhali ...	...	...	669	14	
	Total ...	**10,748**	**10,456**	**11,793**	**10,409**	
BEERBHOOM ...	Sooree ...	1,239	1,269	1,163	1,439	
	Doobrajpore ...	1,277	1,566	1,438	1,488	
	Bolepore ...	1,462	1,757	1,568	1,962	
	Total ...	**3,978**	**4,592**	**4,169**	**4,889**	
BHAUGULPORE ...	Sudder ...	1,506	1,060	2,165	1,205	
	Monghyr ...	1,774	1,545	2,299	1,670	
	Modheypoora ...	1,698	843	1,667	1,116	
	Beguserai ...	1,433	1,315	1,510	1,527	
	Jumooyee ...	672	511	737	598	
	Total ...	**7,083**	**5,274**	**8,378**	**6,116**	
BURDWAN, EAST	1st, Sudder ...	2,067	1,579	2,056	1,751	
	2nd, do. ...	1,959	1,474	1,769	1,646	
	Culna ...	1,551	1,223	1,609	1,542	
	Cutwah ...	3,270	1,994	3,159	2,429	
	Bood Bood ...	2,127	2,377	2,310	2,668	
	Raneegunge ...	1,238	1,145	1,340	1,329	
	Jehanabad ...	2,467	2,417	1,968	2,567	
	Extra at Culna ...	718	9	412	5	
	Do. Jehanabad ...	210	4	312	2	
	Do. Cutwah ...	...	...	220	...	
	Total ...	**15,607**	**12,222**	**15,155**	**13,939**	
BURDWAN, WEST	Bancoorah ...	1,456	1,374	1,070	1,375	
	Bishenpore ...	2,103	3,776	1,664	2,636	
	Gungajulghattee ...	789	1,209	860	1,293	
	Total ...	**4,348**	**6,359**	**3,594**	**5,304**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFS.

DISTRICT	MOONSIFFEE.	1875. Regular Suits.	1875. Miscellaneous Cases.	1876. Regular Suits.	1876. Miscellaneous Cases.	REMARKS.
CHITTAGONG ...	Sudder ...	1,143	1,176	1,352	1,350	
	Sitakoond ...	1,176	1,092	1,392	1,088	
	Puttea ...	1,483	1,987	1,560	1,799	
	Howlah ...	1,166	1,242	1,217	1,419	
	Hathhazaree ...	1,143	949	1,284	1,014	
	Futtickcherry ...	1,156	1,003	1,255	954	
	Sundeep ...	962	1,450	1,227	1,219	
	Raojan ...	897	1,097	1,138	1,254	
	Rungoneah ...	807	686	957	703	
	Satkaneah ...	1,374	1,269	1,727	1,497	
	Cox's Bazar ...	507	429	560	337	
	Deang ...	946	877	1,049	1,021	
	Total ...	**12,760**	**13,257**	**14,718**	**13,655**	
CUTTACK ...	1st, Sudder ...	137	282	936	782	
	2nd, do. ...	722	565	...	...	
	Balasore ...	1,386	1,755	1,225	1,422	
	Pooree ..	1,071	831	1,365	1,041	
	Jajpore ...	1,057	839	1,277	822	
	Total ...	**4,373**	**4,272**	**4,803**	**4,067**	
DACCA ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,090	905	1,037	857	
	2nd, do. ...	2,002	1,412	2,592	1,547	
	Kaligunge ...	2,137	903	2,723	1,108	
	1st, Moonsheegunge ...	3,424	2,544	2,549	1,973	
	2nd, do. ...	2,449	445	2,572	1,515	
	Extra do. ...	357	56	284	5	
	1st, Manickgunge ...	1,859	1,504	2,070	1,395	
	2nd, do. ...	1,483	447	1,957	797	
	Muxoodpore ...	915	577	...	...	
	Extra at Sudder ..	...	...	263	8	
	Furreedpore ...	1,014	823	...	...	These Moonsiffs have been transferred to Furreedpore District.
	1st, Bhangah ...	2,023	1,652	...	...	
	2nd, do. ...	544	36	...	...	
	Goalundo ..	1,912	1,012	...	...	
	1st, Madaripore ...	1,247	923	..	...	
	2nd do. ...	646	526	...	...	
	Total ...	**23,102**	**13,765**	**16,047**	**9,205**	
DINAGEPORE ...	Sudder ...	2,065	924	1,805	1,243	
	Beergunge ...	1,350	586	1,271	574	
	Thakoorgong ...	1,576	1,067	1,977	1,328	
	Hemtabad ...	981	429	1,008	512	
	Maldah ...	2,171	1,297	2,329	1,489	
	Shibgunge ...	856	755	930	802	
	Gungarampore ...	661	250	777	367	
	Patnitollah .	1,127	722	1,287	668	
	Chintamon ...	1,264	476	1,315	545	
	Extra Sudder ...	...	...	201	...	
	Total ...	**12,051**	**6,506**	**12,900**	**7,528**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1875. Regular Suits.	1875. Miscellaneous Cases.	1876. Regular Suits.	1876. Miscellaneous Cases.	Remarks.
Furreedpore...	Sudder ...	395	658	1,563	2,081	
	Goalundo ...	746	653	2,687	2,103	
	1st, Bhangah ...	558	775	3,025	2,007	
	2nd, do. ...	330	462	1,660	1,630	
	Madaripore ...	415	523	2,115	1,484	
	Mulfatgunge ...	572	435	1,897	1,005	
	Extra at Goalundo ...	...	...	263	28	
	Do. Mulfatgunge ...	...	...	269	4	
	Do. Madaripore ...	...	...	122	...	
	Total ...	**3,016**	**3,506**	**13,601**	**10,342**	
Gya ...	1st, Sudder ...	889	1,639	919	1,874	
	2nd do. ...	745	534	809	797	
	Arungabad ...	291	362	374	377	
	Total ...	**1,925**	**2,535**	**2,102**	**3,048**	
Hooghly ...	Sudder ...	656	575	679	660	
	1st, Pandooah ...	1,137	772	1,398	969	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	388	8	
	Haripal ...	930	840	1,133	744	
	1st, Serampore ...	1,292	1,178	1,995	1,697	
	2nd, do. ...	817	16	270	11	
	Oolooberiah ...	886	859	915	796	
	1st, Amtah ...	1,460	1,778	1,801	2,268	
	2nd, do. ...	438	14	329	66	
	Howrah ...	1,611	1,323	1,514	1,295	
	Total ...	**9,227**	**7,355**	**10,422**	**8,514**	
Jessore ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,756	2,746	1,983	3,180	
	2nd, do. ...	1,422	1,997	1,702	2,103	
	3rd, do. ...	1,493	1,630	2,003	1,572	
	4th, do. ...	754	15	508	50	3rd quarter only.
	Khoolnah ...	2,655	2,444	2,962	2,200	
	1st, Narail ...	2,463	2,400	1,404	1,802	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	1,052	756	For three quarters.
	Magoorah ...	1,690	1,188	1,859	1,212	
	Baghirhat ...	2,373	2,453	2,454	2,542	
	Jhenida ...	2,019	1,400	1,932	1,601	
	Total ...	**16,625**	**16,273**	**17,859**	**17,018**	

P 4.—continued.

WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT	MOONSIFFEE.	1875. Regular Suits.	1875. Miscellaneous Cases.	1876. Regular Suits.	1876. Miscellaneous Cases.	Remarks.
Midnapore ...	1st, Sudder ...	3,483	1,919	3,139	3,540	
	2nd, do. ...	2,221	1,868	1,720	1,536	
	3rd, do. ...	219	37	...	...	
	Gurbetta ...	1,966	2,474	1,915	1,860	
	Tumlook ...	2,108	2,851	2,122	1,490	
	1st, Neural ...	3,055	1,875	3,007	2,302	
	2nd, do. ...	497	3	...	...	
	Dantoon ...	681	442	882	591	
	Ghattal ...	1,204	1,248	990	1,072	
	Total ...	**15,434**	**12,717**	**13,775**	**12,391**	
Moorshedabad	1st, Berhampore ...	2,460	1,265	2,765	1,977	
	2nd, do. ...	2,461	1,274	2,589	2,302	
	Jungypore ...	2,389	1,455	2,199	1,747	
	Azimgunge ...	1,956	1,908	2,410	2,256	
	Ramporehaut ...	1,467	1,230	1,583	1,663	
	Extra at Sudder ...	...	...	400	...	
	Total ...	**10,733**	**7,132**	**11,946**	**9,945**	
Mymensingh ...	Sudder ...	1,960	1,622	2,427	1,721	
	Attiah ...	2,430	1,734	2,517	1,974	
	Bazitpore ...	1,559	986	1,410	1,454	
	Ghoshgong ...	1,467	1,196	1,394	1,170	
	Ishragunge ...	1,268	681	1,287	760	
	1st, Nettrokona ...	1,465	1,412	1,577	1,292	
	2nd, do. ...	1,385	952	1,579	944	
	Nikli ...	2,112	2,366	2,207	2,239	
	Jamalpore ...	1,848	1,556	1,487	1,387	
	Sherepore ...	822	694	764	672	
	Pingnah ...	1,388	867	1,504	1,113	
	Extra at Attiah ...	...	...	303	10	
	Total ...	**17,704**	**14,066**	**18,456**	**14,736**	
Nuddea ...	Kishnaghur ...	966	2,309	1,183	2,318	
	Chooadangah ...	910	621	404	505	
	Meherpore ...	975	1,238	670	991	
	1st, Bongong ...	2,049	1,081	2,128	1,257	
	2nd, do. ...	957	728	978	1,158	
	Ranaghat ...	826	818	956	963	
	1st, Kooshteah ...	1,117	1,028	1,307	1,375	
	2nd, do. ...	350	34	397	19	
	Total ...	**8,150**	**7,857**	**8,023**	**8,586**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1875. Regular Suits.	1875. Miscellaneous Cases.	1876. Regular Suits.	1876. Miscellaneous Cases.	Remarks.
Patna ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,186	1,213	422	84	
	2nd, do. ...	910	1,275	1,108	938	
	3rd, do. ...	173	4	1,020	1,741	
	Behar ...	637	822	627	865	
	Total ...	**2,906**	**3,314**	**3,177**	**3,628**	
Purneah ...	1st, Sudder ...	1,455	1,108	2,318	2,254	
	2nd, do. ...	1,223	864	67	103	For few days of 1st quarter.
	Kishengunge ...	1,744	1,034	2,086	1,392	
	Arrareah ...	2,174	1,255	2,430	2,793	
	Kudba ...	1,113	749	994	937	
	Total ...	**7,709**	**5,010**	**7,895**	**7,479**	
Rajshahye ...	Beauleah ...	1,526	1,048	1,682	1,165	
	Nattore ...	1,506	1,057	1,612	1,254	
	Pubnah ...	954	703	1,232	889	
	Shazadpore ...	1,431	1,604	1,690	1,719	
	Serajgunge ...	2,648	1,418	2,581	1,854	
	Total ...	**8,065**	**5,830**	**8,797**	**6,881**	
Rungpore ...	Sudder ...	2,260	676	2,622	1,159	
	Bhotmaree ...	1,822	934	1,928	1,115	
	1st, Borrobaree ...	1,816	1,089	2,474	1,644	
	2nd, do. ...	989	35	193	4	Extra in 1876.
	1st, Buddergunge ...	1,484	1,298	1,919	1,172	
	2nd, do. ...	1,337	24	725	51	
	Olipore ...	1,710	657	1,403	774	
	1st, Badiakhali ...	1,260	637	1,276	733	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	1,077	84	
	1st, Bograh ...	1,725	1,526	2,680	2,099	
	2nd, do. ...	894	176	...	...	
	Total ...	**15,297**	**7,052**	**16,297**	**8,835**	
Sarun ...	Chuprah ...	1,425	2,324	1,610	1,746	
	Pursah ...	951	773	1,376	938	
	Sewan ...	765	962	1,096	1,151	
	Chumparun ...	896	699	1,028	788	
	Total ...	**4,037**	**4,758**	**5,110**	**4,623**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT	MOONSIFFEE	1875. Regular Suits	1875. Miscellaneous Cases	1876. Regular Suits	1876. Miscellaneous Cases	REMARKS
SHAHABAD	1st, Arrah	1,371	1,167	1,788	1,732	
	2nd, do.	882	992	1,412	1,008	
	Buxar	1,058	1,179	1,079	1,448	
	Sasseeram	874	631	977	636	
	Extra at Arrah	...	...	255	...	
	Do. Buxar	...	...	383	...	
	Total	**4,185**	**3,969**	**5,894**	**4,824**	
TIPPERAH	1st, Commillah	1,595	999	1,835	1,199	
	2nd, do.	1,025	709	1,015	774	
	3rd, do.	830	370	972	362	
	Cushba Noornuggur	1,439	1,168	1,329	1,197	
	1st, Nassirnuggur	1,853	1,184	1,933	1,467	
	2nd, do.	1,955	1,328	1,809	1,311	
	3rd, do.	323	20	218	3	For 3rd quarter only
	1st, Panchpookhoria	1,514	935	1,818	1,233	
	2nd, do.	1,288	567	1,754	1,157	
	3rd, do.	1,463	713	450	203	For 1st quarter only
	Toobkibograh	1,338	1,073	1,860	1,133	
	Juggernathdiggy	1,505	1,092	1,550	1,166	
	1st, Soodharam	2,077	1,896	2,334	1,766	
	2nd, do.	899	539	1,582	527	
	1st, Begumgunge	1,769	1,221	1,510	1,284	
	2nd, do.	...	.	925	49	
	1st, Ameergong	1,367	1,538	1,559	1,676	
	2nd, do.	..		289	5	For 3rd quarter only
	Total	**22,240**	**15,385**	**24,832**	**16,512**	
TIRHOOT	Mozufferpore	1,177	1,682	1,583	1,769	
	Dhurbangah	852	772	992	727	
	Mudhoobanee	571	1,120	595	758	
	Tajpore	746	651	588	791	
	Hajeepore	874	1,100	837	1,063	
	Seetamurhee	322	292	694	760	
	Total	**4,542**	**5,617**	**5,239**	**5,868**	
24-PERGUNNAHS	1st, Alipore	1,627	1,491	1,680	1,347	
	2nd, do.	1,257	1,023	1,799	1,356	
	1st, Diamond Harbour	1,753	902	2,039	1,353	
	2nd, do.	2,005	1,208	2,379	2,088	
	Barripore	1,555	894	2,014	1,085	
	Sealdah	2,014	1,302	2,032	1,578	
	1st, Baraset	1,829	1,612	2,009	2,555	
	2nd, do.	1,820	1,352	1,974	1,567	
	1st, Bussirhat	1,316	724	1,424	916	
	2nd, do.	1,217	819	1,319	929	
	1st, Satkhirah	1,450	1,377	2,134	1,477	
	2nd, do.	1,690	1,198	1,814	1,323	
	Total	**19,563**	**13,905**	**22,647**	**17,574**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1875. Regular Suits.	1875. Miscellaneous Cases.	1876. Regular Suits.	1876. Miscellaneous Cases.	REMARKS.
CHOTA NAGPORE	Hazareebagh ...	306	205	245	123	
	Lohardugga ...	139	135	140	172	
	Purulia ...	989	1,044	857	1,330	
	Manbazar ...	844	668	690	1,461	
	Rughoonathpore ...	640	1,057	555	1,254	
	Burhee or Khurukdia ...	584	421	617	468	
	Chittra ...	176	249	167	188	
	Ranchee ...	439	523	426	573	
	Daltongunge or Palamow...	202	197	245	247	
	Total ...	**4,319**	**4,499**	**3,942**	**5,816**	
DARJEELING AND JULPIGOREE.	1st, Julpigoree ...	1,043	513	1,155	697	
	2nd, do. ...	151	11	383	...	
	Darjeeling ...	87	55	86	31	
	Terai ...	152	14	207	110	
	Falacatta ...	68	24	192	78	
	Total ...	**1 501**	**617**	**2,023**	**916**	
	Grand Total ...	**271,228**	**218,100**	**293,594**	**242,648**	
ASSAM VALLEY...	Gowalparah ...	913	333	698	93	
	Dhoobree ...	380	93	565	54	
	Gowhatty ...	1,115	103	1,158	86	
	Burpetta ...	844	52	666	47	
	Nowgong ...	1,692	554	1,503	160	
	Durrung ...	593	38	501	42	
	Mungledye ...	482	27	569	14	
	Seebsagor ...	628	329	527	28	
	Golaghat ...	257	54	483	41	
	Debrooghur ...	341	116	475	65	
	North Luckimpore ...	386	74	400	22	
	Total ...	**7,631**	**1,773**	**7,545**	**652**	
SYLHET ...	Parcool ...	1,874	1,389	1,491	1,060	
	Karimgunge ...	1,493	872	1,601	668	
	Sonamgunge ...	882	561	768	436	
	Russoolgunge ...	1,124	971	1,251	902	
	Nubbeegunge ...	2,191	1,218	1,952	1,266	
	Lushkerpore ...	2,571	1,366	2,435	1,411	
	Total ...	**10,135**	**6,377**	**9.498**	**5,743**	
CACHAR ...	Sudder Moonsiffee ...	1,238	438	1,492	592	
	Hylakandy ...	527	162	538	183	
	Total ...	**1,765**	**600**	**2,030**	**7 5**	
	Grand Total ...	**19,531**	**8,750**	**190 73**	**7,170**	

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AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.

DISTRICT.	DISTRICT JUDGES.				SUBORDINATE JUDGES.				MOONSIFFS.				SMALL CAUSE COURT JUDGES.			
	CONTESTED.		UNCONTESTED.		CONTESTED.		UNCONTESTED.		CONTESTED.		UNCONTESTED.		CONTESTED.		UNCONTESTED.	
	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.
BACKERGUNGE ...	4 *1*	621 *155*	... ...	...	69 *1*	13,809 *200*	57 *1*	1,451 *25*	2,618 *1*	3,511,668 *1,341*	7,593 *1*	399,824 *52*	221 *1*	9,091 *41*	805 *1*	13,223 *16*
BEERBHOOM ...	13 *1*	3,517 *270*	8 *1*	945 *118*	14 *1*	2,844 *203*	7 *1*	533 *76*	1,345 *1* 66 *1*	139,359 *103* 1,821 *25*	2,619 *1* 139 *1*	107,233 *41* 2,325 *17*	...	...	...	...
BHAUGULPORE ...	1 *1*	396 *396*	5 *1*	888 *177*	106 *1*	8,582 *175*	167 *1*	10,646 *63*	2,531 *1*	118,496 *46*	5,847 *1*	161,228 *27*	627 *1*	11,606 *18*	3,022 *1*	38,400 *12*
BURDWAN, EAST ...	12 *1*	3,498 *291*	9 *1*	3,428 *380*	80 *1*	33,140 *414*	90 *1*	9,356 *104*	3,638 *1* 260 *1*	337,164 *92* 12,704 *48*	9,813 *1* 1,444 *1*	399,395 *40* 30,360 *21*	...	...	...	...
BURDWAN, WEST ...	13 *1*	2,428 *186*	4 *1*	265 *66*	...	...	...	...	781 *1* 99 *1*	53,034 *68* 2,731 *28*	2,383 *1* 331 *1*	88,496 *37* 8,731 *26*	...	...	...	...
CHITTAGONG ...	10 *1*	1,341 *134*	... ...	...	53 *1*	12,539 *236*	45 *1*	5,970 *133*	5,210 *1* 119 *1*	417,146 *80* 3,498 *29*	9,160 *1* 229 *1*	397,130 *43* 5,904 *26*	...	...	...	..
CUTTACK	...	...	...	...	32 *1*	9,514 *297*	50 *1*	4,985 *99*	896 *1* 204 *1*	104,791 *117* 4,551 *22*	2,577 *1* 1,126 *1*	124,351 *48* 23,715 *20*	445 *1*	7,339 *16*	2,166 *1*	30,459 *14*
DACCA	6 *1*	1,448 *241*	2 *1*	254 *127*	100 *1*	23,321 *233*	90 *1*	6,453 *71*	4,064 *1*	5,27,824 *129*	11,983 *1*	440,413 *36*	689 *1*	15,184 *22*	4,483 *1*	88,127 *19*
DINAGEPORE ...	2 *1*	143 *71*	6 *1*	312 *52*	84 *1*	9,270 *110*	116 *1*	8,891 *76*	2,701 *1*	85,572 *31*	8,937 *1*	276,719 *31*	...	...	...	...
					Sub-Judge as Moonsiff. 66 *1*	1,370 *20*	218 *1*	4,085 *18*	393 *1*	9,839 *25*	869 *1*	14,471 *16*				
FURREEDPORE	...	...	...	...	32 *1*	11,961 *373*	15 *1*	2,122 *141*	2,575 *1* 471 *1*	260,222 *101* 5,763 *12*	8,000 *1* 2,555 *1*	48,646 *5* 47,497 *18*	251 *1*	9,882 *89*	1,468 *1*	45,912 *31*
GYA	2 *1*	1,020 *510*	1 *1*	210 *210*	195 *1*	28,2 0 144	77 *1*	2,250 *29*	805 *1* 48 *1*	77,447 *89* 1,170 *24*	1,075 *1* 114 *1*	21,949 *20* 983 *9*	...	...	...	...
HOOGHLY	5 *1*	2,940 *588*	2 *1*	870 *435*	78 *1*	9,176 *117*	96 *1*	4,896 *51*	2,756 *1*	190,042 *69*	7,666 *1*	296,853 *38*	902 *1*	11,751 *13*	2,745 *1*	43,653 *16*
JESSORE	...	...	...	...	58 *1*	7,649 *132*	56 *1*	4,052 *72*	5,286 *1* 186 *1*	341,816 *64* 4,464 *24*	11,831 *1* 556 *1*	391,776 *33* 8,896 *16*	2,576 *1*	46,005 *18*	9,505 *1*	143,288 *15*
MIDNAPORE ...	2 *1*	393 *196*	... ...	...	79 *1*	16,314 *206*	69 *1*	7,277 *105*	2,519 *1* 472 *1*	232,889 *92* 12,057 *25*	8,689 *1* 2,095 *1*	369,819 *42* 47,032 *22*	196 *1*	4,664 *24*	749 *1*	20,716 *27*

Moorshedabad ...	1 *1*	311 *311*	... ..		58 *1*	15,264 *263*	79 *1*	1,180 *15*	2,704 *1* 402 *1*	64,798 *24* 14,968 *37*	7,782 *1* 1,058 *1*	17,621 *2* 5,034 *4*	71 *1*	1,060 *15*	142 *1*	324 *2*
Mymensingh	...	...	1 *1*	48 *48*	87 *1*	18,846 *216*	59 *1*	1,025 *18*	4,614 *1* 127 *1*	328,500 *71* 4,076 *32*	12,695 *1* 1,020 *1*	410,189 *32* 30,261 *29*	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	3 *1*	592 *197*	2 *1*	379 *189*	50 *1*	7,745 *131*	65 *1*	2,837 *43*	2,315 *1* 228 *1*	318,959 *138* 1,770 *8*	4,546 *1* 934 *1*	127,816 *28* 1,885 *2*	1,837 *1*	54,167 *29*	6,200 *1*	157,080 *25*
Patna	7 1	1,468 *209*		...	204 *1*	38,907 *190*	70 *1*	4,409 *62*	1,629 *1*	207,876 *127*	1,548 *1*	104,544 *67*	297 *1*	6,096 *20*	833 *1*	15,850 *19*
Purneah	...	.	1 *1*	48 *48*	41 *1*	3,116 *76*	68 *1*	3,128 *46*	1,520 *1* 99 *1*	106,400 *70* 3,960 *40*	5,623 *1* 653 *1*	253,035 *45* 21,549 *33*	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	..		...	..	49 *1*	9,753 *199*	58 *1*	5,006 *86*	1,869 *1* 267 *1*	1,84,124 *98* 8,724 *32*	5,133 *1* 1,528 *1*	241,303 *47* 35,[illegible]67 *23*	450 *1*	11,752 *26*	1,366 *1*	29,150 *21*
Rungpore	...	..	...	..	32 *1*	7,008 *219*	36 *1*	4,114 *114*	3,168 *1* 392 *1*	298,784 *94* 130,045 *331*	10,974 *1* 1,771 *1*	170,933 *15* 4,53,425 *256*	..	...	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	115 *1*	13,890 *120*	101 *1*	7,319 *72*	1,680 *1* 89 *1*	1,02,982 *61* 2,733 *30*	3,097 *1* 244 *1*	101,226 *32* 5,855 *24*	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	1	133	...	...	102 *1*	12,026 118	74 *1*	4,680 *63*	1,993 *1*	233,856 *117*	3,901 *1*	223,994 *57*	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	2 *1*	51 *25*		...	88 *1*	26,918 *305*	75 *1*	6,740 *89*	6,658 *1* 462 *1*	579,275 *87* 20,131 *43*	16,322 *1* 1,390 *1*	672,691 *41* 39,868 *29*	...	...		...
Tirhoot	3 *1*	724 *241*	8 *1*	720 *90*	225 *1*	45,764 *203*	232 *1*	27,772 *119*	1,773 *1*	198,307 *112*	3,466 *1*	210,059 *60*	...	.	..	...
24-Pergunnahs: Judge and Additional Judge	7 *1* 5 *1*	1,235 *176* 1,003 *200*	1 *1* 2 *1*	44 *44* 240 *120*	115 *1*	13,755 *111*	102 *1*	8,988 *88*	4,995 *1* 884 *1*	373,946 *75* 23,401 *26*	12,316 *1* 4,452 *1*	590,726 *48* 100,093 *22*	1,210 *1*	26,591 *22*	3,379 *1*	48,939 *14*
Chota Nagpore	1 *1*	287 *287*	...	.	92 *1*	16,305 *163*	90 *1*	3,563 *39*	1,298 *1*	83,487 *64*	2,644 *1*	79,042 *30*	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling and Julpigoree .	...	...	1 *1*	124 *124*	10 *1*	1,780 *178*	23 *1*	918 *39*	506 *1*	76,926 *152*	1,517 *1*	102,011 *67*	84 *1*	2,821 *33*	933 *1*	16,645 *18*
Total ...	100	23,549	53	8,775	2,323	428,766	2,285	154,646	79,767	98,24,096	212,245	77,06,873	9,856	218,009	37,796	691,766
General Average duration of each case	...	y. m d. 0 7 25	...	y. m. d. 0 5 13	...	y m d. 0 6 4	...	y. m. d. 0 2 5	...	y. m. d. 0 4 3	...	y. m. d. 0 1 6	...	y m. d. 0 0 22	y. m d 0 0 18	...
Assam Valley ...	2 *1*	644 *322*		...	22 *1*	3,428 *155*	16 *1*	1,996 *124*	2,990 *1*	121,374 *40*	4,555 *1*	115,836 *25*	...	...	...	...
Sylhet	2 *1*	480 *240*			31 *1* 151 *1*	3,598 *116* 4,378 *29*	30 *1* 506 *1*	1,816 *60* 14,181 *27*	2,745 *1*	236,476 *86*	6,753 *1*	282,977 *42*	...	...	..	...
Cachar	3 *1*	219 *73*	9 *1*	253 *28*	...	...	..	...	572 *1*	48,734 *85*	1,458 *1*	54,942 *37*	...	...	...	...
Total	7	1,343	9	253	204	11,404	552	17,993	6,307	406,584	12,766	453,754	...	...	...	...
General Average duration of each case	...	y. m. d 0 6 11	...	y. m d. 0 0 28		y. m. d. 0 1 26	...	y. m. d 0 1 2	..	y. m. d. 0 2 4	...	y m. d. 0 1 6	...	...	..	..

R.

COST OF ESTABLISHMENTS WITH STAMP DUTY AND COURT FEES REALIZED 1876.

DISTRICT	Cost of Establishments (including Judges' Salaries)	Stamp Duty and Court Fees Realised	Surplus.	Deficit.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Backergunge	88,176 8 0	1,33,524 0 11	45,347 8 11	...
Beerbhoom ...	60,548 [illegible] 2	59,288 0 10	...	1,260 8 4
Bhaugulpore	1,02,762 7 7	1,87,004 4 4	84,241 12 9	...
Burdwan, East ...	1,01,180 3 1	1,94,644 5 10	93,464 2 9	...
Burdwan, West ...	49,934 8 7	50,329 12 3	395 3 8	...
Chittagong ...	1,07,995 0 0	2,89,112 0 0	1,81,117 0 0	..
Cuttack ...	83,041 7 10	84,999 13 5	1,958 5 7	...
Dacca ...	1,01,284 14 1	2,63,015 11 11	1,61,730 13 10	...
Dinagepore ...	91,179 5 3	1,48,203 2 7	57,023 13 4	...
Furreedpore ...	43,251 9 0	1,46,170 11 9	1,03,219 2 9	...
Gya ..	60,538 7 8	91,288 2 4	30,749 10 8	...
Hooghly	1,46,879 9 2	1,87,971 3 0	41,091 9 10	...
Jessore ..	96,883 5 7	3,00,504 14 9	2,03,621 9 2	...
Midnapore ...	96,740 4 2	1,67,997 10 0	71,257 5 10	...
Moorshedabad	82,095 0 0	50,692 0 0	...	31,403 0 0
Mymensingh ..	1,21,803 9 1	2,26,358 0 10	1,04,554 7 9	...
Nuddea ...	1,38,535 3 6	2,15,965 3 0	77,429 15 6	...
Patna ...	1,11,422 15 3	1,27,588 5 0	16,165 5 9	...
Purneah ...	70,296 0 0	1,00,823 0 0	30,527 0 0	...
Rajshahye ...	92,664 11 2	1,29,780 2 6	37,115 7 4	...
Rungpore	80,288 0 0	1,50,302 0 0	70,014 0 0	...
Sarun	79,257 13 11	1,24,874 15 6	45,617 1 7	...
Shahabad	32,961 7 2	1,07,243 4 9	74,281 13 7	...
Tipperah ..	1,64,654 1 1	2,60,577 6 5	95,923 5 4	...
Tirhoot .	1,02,786 6 10	1,79,613 3 0	76,826 12 2	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	1,70,740 14 1	3,05,127 1 0	1,34,386 2 11	...
Total Regulation Districts ...	**24,77,902 5 3**	**42,83,298 7 11**	**18,38,059 11 0**	**32,663 8 4**
Chota Nagpore	2,02,102 13 2	1,02,623 15 0	...	99,478 14 2
Darjeeling and Julpigoree ...	1,02,433 10 11	40,279 7 0	...	62,154 3 11
Total Non-Regn. Districts	**3,04,536 8 1**	**1,42,903 6 0**	..	**1,61,633 2 1**
Grand Total	**27,82,438 13 4**	**44,26,201 13 1**	**18,38,059 11 0**	**1,94,296 10 5**
Assam Valley	4,11,087 5 2	1,05,836 3 7		3,05,251 1 7
Sylhet	86,956 5 10	1,12,730 13 3	25,774 7 5	...
Cachar	48,228 0 0	13,395 10 4	...	34,832 5 8
Total ..	**5,46,271 11 0**	**2,31,962 11 2**	**25,774 7 5**	**3,40,083 7 3**

S.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF SUCH PORTION OF THE SALARIES OF DISTRICT JUDGES AS IS PROPERLY DEBITABLE TO CIVIL COURTS.

DISTRICT.	Total Number of days devoted to Judicial Work.	Number of days given to Civil Work	Total Amount of Judges' Salary.			Proportion Debitable to Civil Courts.
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.
Backergunge	250	105	22,800	0	0	9,576
Beerbhoom	231	182	30,000	0	0	23,636
Bhaugulpore	250	170	34,655	8	10	23,565
Burdwan, East	233	180	29,500	0	0	22,789
Burdwan, West	250	203	19,272	14	10	15,648
Chittagong	133½	122	23,700	0	0	21,739
Cuttack	251	158	24,000	0	0	15,107
Dacca	253	158	24,000	0	0	14,988
Dinagepore	226	109	23,575	11	7	11,370
Furreedpore	238	142	17,686	4	3	10,552
Gya	259	183	22,800	0	0	16,109
Hooghly	239	178	33,032	14	7	24,601
Jessore	242	129	22,231	0	0	11,850
Midnapore	248	124	27,095	1	2	13,547
Moorshedabad	228	80	30,000	0	0	10,526
Mymensingh	261	90	29,333	5	4	10,114
Nuddea	249	124	28,379	0	0	10,116
Patna	246	167	30,000	0	0	20,365
Purneah	246	198	30,000	0	0	24,146
Rajshahye	257	116½	22,437	6	7	10,127
Rungpore	272	55	32,729	0	0	6,618
Sarun	243	199	35,910	0	0	29,407
Shahabad	243	159	30,000	0	0	19,629
Tipperah	232	187	26,903	2	0	21,684
Tirhoot	234	145	30,000	0	0	18,589
24-Pergunnahs	234	233	30,000	0	0	29,871
Total ...	6,148½	3,896½	7,10,041	5	2	4,46,269
Non-Regulation Provinces	...	...	42,806	7	2	...

Receipts of the Civil Courts, Regulation and Non-Regulation Districts		Rs. 44,22,402 10 11
Total cost of Civil Courts in Regulation Districts	Rs. 24,77,902 5 1	
Deduct portion of salaries debitable to work other than Civil ...	„ 263,772 5 2	
Net cost in Regulation Provinces ...	„ 22,14,129 15 11	
Add cost of Civil Courts in Non-Regulation Districts after deduction of two-thirds of salaries as explained before	„ 1,01,512 2 8	23,15,642 2 7
	Surplus Rs.	21,06,760 8 4

T.

STATISTICS OF THE

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	AREA, SQUARE MILES.	POPULATION, SOULS.	NUMBER & GRADES OF COURTS. JUDGE.	ADDL. JUDGE.	SUB.-JUDGE.	MOONSIFFS.	SMALL CAUSE COURTS.	COST OF COURTS. Rs. A. P.	NUMBER OF ORI (INSTI SMALL CAUSE COURT.	RENT.
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	3,523	2,034,745	1	...	2	10	...	1,01,180 3 1	5,773	7,289
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	1,422	530,802	1	...	...	3	...	49,934 8 7	906	1,463
	BEERBHOOM	1,344	695,921	1	...	1	3	...	60,548 9 2	1,492	1,807
	MIDNAPORE	5,082	2,540,963	1	...	1	7	1	96,740 4 2	6,202	6,869
	HOOGHLY	1,424	1,488,556	1	1	1	8	3	1,46,879 9 2	6,644	5,963
	Total of Division ...	**12,795**	**7,290,987**	**5**	**1**	**5**	**31**	**4**	**4,55,283 2 2**	**21,017**	**23,391**
RAJSHAHYE ...	DINAGEPORE	6,348	2,318,182	1	...	1	10	...	91,179 5 3	9,428	3,540
	RAJSHAHYE	4,200	2,522,323	1	...	2	5	2	92,664 11 2	7,152	2,588
	RUNGPORE	4,568	2,699,607	1	...	2	10	...	80,288 0 0	9,895	5,414
	Total of Division ...	**15,116**	**7,540,112**	**3**	**...**	**5**	**25**	**2**	**2,64,132 0 5**	**26,475**	**11,542**
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	2,788	2,210,047	1	1	2	12	3	1,70,740 14 1	13,445	11,264
	NUDDEA	3,421	1,812,795	1	...	2	8	5	1,38,535 3 6	9,635	5,210
	JESSORE	3,658	2,075,021	1	...	1	10	4	96,883 5 7	14,143	12,693
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	2,578	1,353,626	1	...	1	6	1	82,095 0 0	5,637	5,626
	Total of Division ...	**12,445**	**7,451,489**	**4**	**1**	**6**	**36**	**13**	**4,88,254 7 2**	**42,360**	**34,793**
COOCH BEHAR ...	DARJEELING & JULPIGOREE	4,230	513,377	1	...	2	5	1	1,02,433 10 11	2,896	...
DACCA ...	DACCA	2,897	1,852,993	1	...	2	9	2	1,01,284 14 1	15,825	3,198
	FURREEDPORE	2,566	1,675,632	1	...	1	8	2	43,251 9 0	8,457	5,739
	BACKERGUNGE	4,187	1,894,714	1	...	2	9	1	88,176 8 0	3,011	6,947
	MYMENSINGH	6,293	2,349,917	1	...	2	12	...	1,21,803 9 1	13,184	3,162
	TIPPERAH	4,044	2,121,423	1	1	2	18	...	1,64,654 1 1	10,894	10,616
	Total of Division ...	**19,987**	**9,894,679**	**5**	**1**	**9**	**56**	**5**	**5,19,170 9 3**	**51,371**	**29,662**
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG	2,648	1,214,418	1	1	2	12	...	1,07,995 0 0	5,159	5,507
PATNA ...	PATNA	2,101	1,559,638	1	...	1	4	3	1,11,422 15 3	1,799	1,704
	GYA	4,718	1,949,750	1	...	1	3	...	60,538 7 8	1,200	610
	SHAHABAD	4,385	1,723,974	1	...	1	6	...	32,961 7 2	1,626	2,777
	TIRHOOT	6,343	4,384,706	1	1	2	6	...	1,02,786 6 10	2,336	2,436
	SARUN	6,185	3,504,675	1	...	1	4	...	79,257 13 11	1,720	2,589
	Total of Division ...	**23,732**	**13,122,743**	**5**	**1**	**6**	**23**	**3**	**3,86,967 2 10**	**8,681**	**10,116**
BHAUGULPORE	BHAUGULPORE	8,240	3,639,276	1	...	2	5	2	1,02,762 7 7	5,950	4,818
	PURNEAH	4,957	1,714,795	1	...	1	4	...	70,296 0 0	3,644	3,645
	Total of Division ...	**13,197**	**5,354,071**	**2**	**...**	**3**	**9**	**2**	**1,73,058 7 7**	**9,594**	**8,463**
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK	7,717	3,034,690	1	...	1	4	1	83,041 7 10	6,023	...
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	28,482	3,419,591	1	...	5	10	...	2,02,102 13 2	3,417	...
	Grand Total ...	**140,349**	**56,836,157**	**28**	**5**	**44†**	**211‡**	**31**	**27,82,438 13 4**	**177,493**	**123,474**
ASSAM PROVINCE ...	ASSAM VALLEY ...	20,683	346,173	1	...	9	18	...	4,11,087 5 2	6,965	...
	SYLHET	5,383	286,594	1	...	1	7	...	86,956 5 10	6,833	892
	CACHAR	1,285	37,311	1	...	...	3	...	48,228 0 0	1,547	45
	Total ...	**27,351**	**670,078**	**3**	**...**	**10**	**28**	**...**	**5,46,271 11 0**	**15,345**	**937**

CIVIL COURTS, 1876.

GINAL SUITS TUTIONS). Other.	Total.	Ratio of Suits to Population (per cent).	Total Value of Suits (in Regular Courts).	Stamps and Court Fees Realized.	Number of Regular Appeals (instituted).	Miscellaneous Original Cases instituted (confined to Cases requiring a Judicial Finding and Order).	Miscellaneous Appeals instituted.	REMARKS.
			Rs.	Rs. A. P.				
2,297	15,359	·7	32,24,864	1,94,644 5 10	895	2,541	91	
1,020	3,389	·6	2,25,336	50,329 12 3	206	898	22	
937	4,236	·6	4,08,963	59,288 0 10	288	896	38	
1,329	14,400	·5	37,46,831	1,67,997 10 0	974	2,328	40	
1,296	13,903	·9	23,03,194	1,87,971 3 0	859	2,642	52	* In the columns of detail 1,828 cases are not included, owing to the registers having been lost in the cyclone of 31st October 1876.
6,879	**51,287**	·7	**99,09,188**	**6,60,230 15 11**	**3,222**	**9,305**	**243**	
545	13,513	·5	9,74,894	1,48,203 2 7	426	837	44	
663	10,403	·4	10,00,377	1,29,780 2 6	578	1,136	112	
512	15,821	·5	11,83,855	1,50,302 0 0	572	1,310	39	
1,720	**39,737**	·5	**31,59,126**	**4,28,285 5 1**	**1,576**	**3,283**	**195**	
2,373	27,082	1·2	21,31,244	3,05,127 1 0	1,169	2,830	55	† No. of Sub-Judges as per Civil List, excluding Sylhet 34
1,316	16,161	·8	9,29,073	2,15,965 3 0	613	2,615	81	ADD—Executive Officers exercising civil powers in Chota Nagpore, Julpigooree, and Darjeeling 7
2,156	28,992	1·3	20,39,043	3,00,504 14 9	867	4,180	85	ADD—Also Sub-Judges twice accounted for in Statement T, in the following districts, viz., Burdwan, Nudden, and Rungpore 3
969	12,232	·9	14,35,259	50,692 0 0	384	1,097	25	TOTAL ... 44
6,814	**84,467**	1·1	**65,34,619**	**8,72,289 2 9**	**3,033**	**10,722**	**246**	
199	3,095	·6	3,19,745	40,279 7 0	86	226	7	
2,110	21,133	1·1	21,29,269	2,63,015 11 11	906	1,520	52	
1,049	15,245	·9	11,62,029	1,46,470 11 9	643	2,220	39	
871	12,657*	·6	10,96,362	1,33,524 0 11	724	1,775	85	
2,321	18,667	·7	13,63,555	2,26,358 0 10	1,113	2,075	92	
2,505	24,015	1·1	16,25,551	2,60,577 6 5	1,641	3,525	145	
8,856	**91,717**	·9	**73,76,766**	**10,29,945 15 10**	**5,027**	**11,115**	**413**	
3,151	13,817	1·1	8,23,946	2,89,112 0 0	1,268	2,005	88	
1,096	4,599	·2	30,61,211	1,27,588 5 0	894	1,332	111	
469	2,279	·1	40,56,858	91,288 2 4	493	1,020	55	
1,068	5,471	·3	15,75,208	1,07,243 4 9	970	906	42	
1,238	6,010	·1	28,21,187	1,79,613 3 0	750	1,558	60	
787	5,096	·1	17,62,198	1,24,874 15 6	1,031	1,740	56	
4,658	**23,455**	·1	**1,32,76,662**	**6,30,607 14 7**	**4,138**	**6,556**	**324**	
1,457	12,225	·3	36,51,198	1,87,004 4 4	877	977	54	‡ No. of Moonsiffs in 1876 as per Civil List, excluding Sylhet 186
559	7,848	·4	9,35,207	1,00,823 0 0	382	2,315	50	ADD—Extra Munsiffs entertained for a temporary period during 1876 20
2,016	**20,073**	·3	**45,86,405**	**2,87,827 4 4**	**1,259**	**3,292**	**104**	TOTAL ... 206
1,398	7,421	·2	10,73,193	84,999 13 5	359	869	20	ADD—Executive Officers exercising civil powers of a Munsiff in Chota Nagpore and Darjeeling accounted for in Statement T ... 5
580	3,997	·1	9,18,979	1,02,623 15 0	454	988	61	
36,271	**339,066***	·57	**4,79,78,629**	**44,26,201 13 11**	**20,422**	**48,361**	**1,701**	TOTAL ... 211
671	7,636	2·2	24,64,060	1,05,836 3 7	748	836	68	
2,031	9,756	3·4	8,66,804	1,12,730 13 3	695	1,009	38	
445	2,037	5·4	1,74,518	13,395 10 4	69	179	1	
3,147	**19,429**	2·8	**35,05,382**	**2,31,962 11 2**	**1,512**	**2,024**	**107**	

U.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF AMEENS, 1876-77.

DISTRICT.	PERMANENT AMEENS.		TEMPORARY AMEENS.		FEES PAID FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF MOONSIFF'S AS COMMISSIONERS.	NUMBER OF PERMANENT AMEENS WITH GRADES.	
	RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.	RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.			
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	1st G.	2nd G
BACKERGUNGE ...	2,080 5 6	1,892 15 9	.....	.....	.....	1	4(a)
BEERBHOOM ...	517 0 0	823 5 4	.....	.....	.....	1	1(b)
BHAUGULPORE ...	1,318 8 0	1,540 0 0	330 0 0	350 0 0	.....	2	0(c)
BURDWAN, EAST ...	981 0 0	1,200 0 0	.....	.....	.....	0	2
BURDWAN, WEST ...	300 0 0	840 0 0	.....	.....	30 0 0	1	0
CHITTAGONG ...	2,204 0 0	1,680 0 0	207 0 0	190 5 0	10 0 0	2	0
CUTTACK ...	2,184 0 0	2,005 0 0	.....	....	40 0 0	1	2
DACCA ...	2,419 0 0	1,140 0 0	116 0 0	150 3 6	30 0 0	1	1
DINAGEPORE ...	984 0 0	1,239 10 3	.....	.....	50 0 0	0	2
FURREEDPORE ..	1,398 0 0	840 0 0	.....	182 4 0	20 0 0	1	0
GYA ...	608 0 0	600 0 0	.....	.....	42 15 0	0	1
HOOGHLY ...	1,198 0 0	1,440 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1	1
JESSORE ...	2,000 4 0	2,640 0 0	.....	.....	10 0 0	1	3(d)
MIDNAPORE ...	1,277 8 0	1,428 6 1	45 0 0	45 0 0	.....	1	1
MOORSHEDABAD ...	558 0 0	1,200 0 0	.....	.....	.....	0	2
MYMENSINGH ...	2,699 0 0	2,040 0 0	.....	.....	10 0 0	1	2
NUDDEA ...	528 0 0	600 0 0	.....	.....	70 0 0	0	1
PATNA ...	728 0 0	840 0 0	.....	.....	145 0 0	1	0
PURNEAH ..	751 0 0	620 0 0	.....	.....	.....	0	1
RAJSHAHYE ...	2,646 2 0	2,143 5 4	456 0 0	288 9 6	10 0 0	1	2
RUNGPORE ..	1,381 8 0	1,616 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1	2
SARUN ...	541 1 0	1,201 5 4	.....	.....	.....	0	2
SHAHABAD ...	1,393 0 0	1,281 0 0	.....	.....	.....	0	2
TIPPERAH ...	4,474 0 0	4,062 9 6	144 0 0	120 0 0	10 0 0	1	5
TIRHOOT ...	2,358 0 0	2,790 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1	3
24-PERGUNNAHS ...	1,143 0 0	840 0 0	222 0 0	222 0 0	.....	1	0
CHOTA NAGPORE ..	2,694 0 0	2,400 0 0	.....	.....	.....	0	4
DARJEELING AND JULPIGOREE ...	243 0 0	600 0 0	.....	.....	10 0 0	0	1
Total ...	**41,607 4 6**	**41,843 9 7**	**1,520 0 0**	**1,548 6 0**	**487 15 0**	**20**	**45**
Add 10 per cent. on account of pensions	.....	4,184 5 9					
Total ...	.....	**46,027 15 4**					
ASSAM VALLEY ...	.....	.....	1,179 0 0	860 0 0	.....	0	0
SYLHET ...	1,489 8 0	1,422 4 0	.....	.....	.....	1	1
CACHAR ...	651 0 0	840 0 0	.....	.....	50 0 0	1	0
Total ...	**2,140 8 0**	**2,262 4 0**	**1,179 0 0**	**860 0 0**	**50 0 0**	**2**	**1**
Add 10 per cent. on account of pensions		226 3 7					
Total ...		**2,488 7 7**					

(a)—Of these four, three were discharged in November 1876 owing to the falling off of fees.

(b)—The services of the 1st grade Ameen were dispensed with on the 9th June 1876.

(c)—The post of one of the permanent Ameens has also been abolished, and one only retained at Rs. 70 a month.

(d)—The post of one 2nd grade Ameen remained vacant during the year.

V.

STATISTICS OF LOCAL ENQUIRIES, 1876.

Scale of Values.	No.	Aggregate value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry only.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied in enquiry.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	165	686 6 5	4 2 6	1,681 5 0	10 3 0	5
Cases not exceeding Rs. 20 ...	428	5,510 4 9	12 13 11	4,340 8 7	10 2 3	6
Cases not exceeding Rs. 50 ...	410	13,577 14 0	33 1 10	5,060 3 11	12 5 5	3½
Cases not exceeding Rs. 100 ...	387	29,770 0 3	76 14 9	5,078 5 8	13 1 11	5
Cases not exceeding Rs. 500 ...	551	1,23,393 11 0	223 15 1	10,601 14 4	19 3 10	6¼
Cases not exceeding Rs. 1,000 ...	135	99,073 8 1	733 14 0	3,544 1 10	26 4 0	7
Cases exceeding Rs. 1,000 ...	180	33,37,239 13 11	18,540 3 6	25,216 3 11	140 1 5	16½

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Cases not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	26	97 6 4	3 11 11	204 12 0	7 14 0	1½
Cases not exceeding Rs. 20 ...	54	691 12 1	12 12 11	464 8 0	8 9 7	2½
Cases not exceeding Rs. 50 ...	35	1,238 3 0	35 6 0	390 8 0	11 2 6	3¾
Cases not exceeding Rs. 100 ...	32	1,688 13 6	52 12 5	441 12 0	13 12 10	4¾
Cases not exceeding Rs. 500 ...	25	5,687 1 2	227 7 8	470 15 9	18 13 5	5¾
Cases not exceeding Rs. 1,000 ...	4	3,133 4 1	783 5 0	90 13 3	22 11 3	7
Cases exceeding Rs. 1,000 ...	5	1,43,113 12 6	28,622 12 1	639 2 9	127 13 4	30

W.

DETAIL OF COURTS AND ORIGINAL SUITS, WITH COST OF ESTABLISHMENT AND RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF STAMPS AND FEES, 1876.

DISTRICT.	COURT.	No. of Suits.	Cost of Establishment.	Stamps and Fees.	Surplus.	Deficit.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Backergunge.	Small Cause Court	1,052	1,872 0 0	6,637 0 0	4,765 0 0	.....
	Moonsiffs ...	11,480	34,546 13 1	92,523 2 9	57,976 5 8	.....
	Subordinate Judge	125	15,681 13 5	21,256 3 10	5,574 6 5	.....
	Judge ...	.....	36,075 13 6	13,107 10 4	.....	22,968 3 2
	Additional Judge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beerbhoom	Moonsiffs ...	4,204	15,955 11 1	46,275 2 10	30,319 7 9	.....
	Subordinate Judge	13	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Judge ...	19	44,592 14 1	13,012 14 0	.....	31,580 0 1
Bhaugulpore.	Small Cause Court	3,592	17,714 7 2	12,798 5 10	.....	4,916 1 4
	Moonsiffs ...	8,288	25,891 9 8	75,181 10 8	49,290 1 0	.....
	Subordinate Judge	344	12,035 2 9	79,026 8 10	66,991 6 1	.....
	Judge ...	1	47,121 4 0	19,997 11 0	.....	27,123 9 0
Burdwan, East.	Moonsiffs ...	15,175	37,608 13 2	1,48,128 1 6	1,10,519 4 4	.....
	Subordinate Judge	183	24,281 10 11	29,690 5 9	5,408 10 10	.....
	Judge ...	1	39,289 11 0	16,825 14 7	.....	22,463 12 5
Burdwan, West.	Moonsiffs ...	3,368	19,859 0 0	45,540 11 0	25,681 11 0	.....
	Subordinate Judge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Judge ...	21	30,075 8 7	4,789 1 3	.....	25,286 7 4
Chittagong	Moonsiffs ...	13,724	61,846 0 0	2,47,987 0 0	1,86,141 0 0	.....
	Subordinate Judge	92	18,018 0 0	20,761 0 0	2,743 0 0	.....
	Judge ...	1	28,131 0 0	20,364 0 0	.....	7,767 0 0
Cuttack ...	Small Cause Court	2,629	18,838 9 8	29,874 7 5	11,035 13 9	.....
	Moonsiffs ...	4,709	25,985 11 1	48,598 10 0	22,612 14 11	.....
	Subordinate Judge	82	.....	...	.....	.....
	Judge ...	1	38,217 3 1	6,526 12 0	.....	31,690 7 1
Dacca ...	Small Cause Court	5,201	12,175 10 6	43,308 4 6	31,132 10 0	.....
	Moonsiffs ...	15,715	34,801 0 9	1,33,526 7 9	98,725 7 0	.....
	Subordinate Judge	217	17,511 12 11	68,809 6 0	51,297 9 1	.....
	Judge ...	.....	36,796 5 11	17,371 9 8	.....	19,424 12 3
Dinagepore	Moonsiffs ...	13,203	43,926 3 6	1,25,953 15 0	82,027 11 6	.....
	Subordinate Judge	310	11,669 15 2	12,817 11 10	1,147 12 8	.....
	Judge ...	.....	35,583 2 7	9,431 7 9	.....	26,151 10 10
Furreedpore.	Small Cause Court	1,605	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Moonsiffs ...	13,590	33,839 15 4	1,20,135 9 9	86,295 10 5	.....
	Subordinate Judge	50	5,620 3 0	14,811 0 0	9,190 3 0	.....
	Judge ...	.....	3,791 6 8	11,524 2 0	7,732 11 4	.....
Gya ...	Moonsiffs ...	2,082	16,055 10 7	40,004 15 3	23,949 4 8	.....
	Subordinate Judge	196	9,724 0 0	36,953 3 0	27,229 3 0	.....
	Judge ...	.....	34,758 13 1	14,330 0 1	.....	20,428 13 0
Hooghly...	Small Cause Court	3,627	18,116 6 9	24,346 1 0	6,229 10 3	.....
	Moonsiffs ...	10,100	40,840 4 11	99,469 2 0	58,628 13 1	.....
	Subordinate Judge	176	11,122 2 9	38,917 6 0	27,795 3 3	.....
	Additional Judge	.....	29,262 14 0	723 10 0	.....	28,539 4 0
	Judge	.....	47,537 12 9	24,515 0 0	.....	23,022 12 9
Jessore ...	Small Cause Court	11,894	41,284 13 9	82,165 6 9	40,880 9 0	.....
	Moonsiffs ...	16,999	32,460 4 5	1,82,875 0 0	1,50,414 11 7	.....
	Subordinate Judge	99	5,124 8 3	15,599 0 0	10,474 7 9	.....
	Additional Judge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Judge ...	.....	18,013 11 2	19,865 8 0	1,851 12 10	.....
Midnapore	Small Cause Court	990	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Moonsiffs ...	13,278	34,228 3 10	1,15,000 10 3	80,772 6 5	.....
	Subordinate Judge	132	11,331 13 11	40,091 9 9	28,759 11 10	.....
	Judge ...	.....	51,180 2 5	12,905 6 0	.....	38,274 12 5
Moorshedabad.	Small Cause Court	216	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Moonsiffs ...	11,862	23,727 0 0	10,542 0 0	.....	13,185 0 0
	Subordinate Judge	154	12,395 0 0	39,550 0 0	27,155 0 0	.....
	Judge ...	.....	45,973 0 0	600 0 0	.....	45,373 0 0

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DETAIL OF COURTS AND ORIGINAL SUITS, WITH COST OF ESTABLISHMENT AND RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF STAMPS AND FEES, 1876.

DISTRICT.	COURT.	No. of Suits.	Cost of Establishment.	Stamps and Fees.	Surplus.	Deficit.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Mymensingh.	Moonsiffs ...	18,580	55,455 4 7	1,88,556 0 4	1,33,100 11 9	...
	Subordinate Judge	86	20,917 1 4	20,323 12 1	.....	593 5 3
	Judge ...	1	45,131 3 2	17,178 4 5	.....	27,952 14 9
Nuddea ...	Small Cause Court	7,966	30,211 2 6	56,076 12 9	25,865 10 3	.....
	Moonsiffs .	8,090	46,989 6 6	93,929 2 0	46,939 11 6	.....
	Subordinate Judge	105	16,063 3 11	53,820 4 3	37,757 0 4	.....
	Additional Judge	.....	....	.....	.....	...
	Judge ..	.....	45,271 6 7	12,139 0 0	.....	33,132 6 7
Patna ...	Small Cause Court	1,153	3,025 0 0	7,746 0 0	4,721 0 0	.....
	Moonsiffs ..	3,169	21,812 0 0	44,507 0 0	22,695 0 0	.....
	Subordinate Judge	277	15,898 0 0	59,924 0 0	44,026 0 0	.....
	Additional Judge	.....	32,505 15 3	64 5 0	... .	32,441 10 3
	Judge ...	.....	38,182 0 0	15,347 0 0	.....	22,835 0 0
Purneah ..	Moonsiffs .	7,737	17,910 0 0	67,154 0 0	49,244 0 0	.....
	Subordinate Judge	111	11,014 0 0	25,082 0 0	14,068 0 0	.....
	Judge ...	.....	41,372 0 0	8,587 0 0	.....	32,785 0 0
Rajshahye	Small Cause Court	1,810	6,189 11 6	5,710 13 0	....	478 14 6
	Moonsiffs	8,493	26,803 6 0	88,930 7 6	62,127 1 6	.....
	Subordinate Judge	100	21,098 2 8	23,557 14 0	2,459 11 4	.....
	Judge .	.....	38,573 7 0	11,581 0 0	.....	26,992 7 0
Rungpore	Moonsiffs	15,747	39,622 0 0	1,26,361 0 0	86,739 0 0	.....
	Subordinate Judge	74	7,937 0 0	16,364 0 0	8,427 0 0	.....
	Judge ..	.....	32,729 0 0	7,577 0 0	.....	25,152 0 0
Sarun	Small Cause Court	....	... .	.....	.....	.....
	Moonsiffs ..	4,903	29,613 12 2	72,204 1 6	42,590 5 4	.....
	Subordinate Judge	193	1,288 0 0	35,109 8 0	33,821 8 0	.....
	Judge ..	.....	48,356 1 9	17,561 6 0	.....	30,794 11 9
Shahabad	Moonsiffs ...	5,329	12,766 14 11	50,711 5 0	37,944 6 1	.....
	Subordinate Judge	142	4,501 11 0	38,471 5 9	33,969 10 9	.....
	Judge ...	.....	15,692 13 3	18,060 10 0	2,367 12 9	.....
Tipperah ...	Moonsiffs ..	23,865	74,396 4 4	2,22,715 3 7	1,48,318 15 3	.....
	Subordinate Judge	150	21,349 11 3	23,368 4 10	2,018 9 7	.....
	Additional Judge	.....	25,697 4 0	118 9 0	. ...	25,578 11 0
	Judge ...	.....	43,210 13 6	14,375 5 0	.....	28,835 8 6
Tirhoot ..	Moonsiffs ...	5,612	33,348 12 5	75,634 5 0	42,285 8 7	.....
	Subordinate Judge	398	24,118 12 2	85,668 12 0	61,549 15 10	.....
	Additional Judge	.....	2,354 0 0	55 0 0	.....	2,299 0 0
	Judge ...	.....	42,964 14 3	18,255 2 0	....	24,709 12 3
24-Pergunnahs.	Small Cause Court	4,604	20,096 5 1	32,799 1 0	12,702 11 11	.....
	Moonsiffs ...	22,271	55,900 11 0	1,90,044 0 0	1,34,143 5 0	.....
	Subordinate Judge	204	13,990 10 0	44,164 6 0	30,173 12 0	.....
	Additional Judge	.....	29,262 14 0	723 10 0	.....	28,539 4 0
	Judge ...	3	51,490 6 0	37,396 0 0	.....	14,094 6 0
Darjeeling and Julpigoree.	Small Cause Court	1,084	...	...	... .	..
	Moonsiffs ...	1,978	66,989 6 0	33,303 8 0	.....	33,685 14 0
	Subordinate Judge	33	20,477 13 9	4,247 10 0	.....	16,230 3 9
	Judge ...	...	14,966 7 2	2,728 5 0	. .	12,238 2 2
Chota Nagpore.	Moonsiffs .	3,833	40,652 13 2	47,998 14 0	7,346 0 10	... .
	Subordinate Judge	164	1,24,019 0 0	44,250 4 0	. ...	79,768 12 0
	Judge ...	.....	37,431 0 0	10,374 13 0	.....	27,056 3 0
	Total ...	339,065	27,82,438 13 4	44,26,201 13 11	25,58,152 13 0	9,14,389 12 5

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DETAIL OF COURTS AND ORIGINAL SUITS, WITH COST OF ESTABLISHMENT AND RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF STAMPS AND FEES, 1876.

DISTRICT.	COURT.	No. of Suits.	Cost of Establishment.	Stamps and Fees.	Surplus.	Deficit.
ASSAM PROVINCE.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Assam Valley.	Moonsiffs ...	7,599	1,14,866 1 10	67,427 1 1	.....	47,439 0 9
	Subordinate Judge	37	2,57,607 11 10	33,252 10 6	.....	2,24,355 1 4
	Judge ...	.....	38,613 7 6	5,156 8 0	.....	33,456 15 6
Sylhet ...	Moonsiffs ...	9,126	34,491 15 3	89,673 3 3	55,181 4 0	.....
	Subordinate Judge	630	9,788 12 0	10,738 1 0	949 5 0	.....
	Judge ...	.....	42,675 10 7	12,319 9 0	.....	30,356 1 7
Cachar ...	Moonsiffs ...	2,024	24,268 0 0	11,711 13 0	.....	12,556 3 0
	Subordinate Judge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Judge ...	13	23,960 0 0	1,683 13 4	.....	22,276 2 8
	Total ...	**19,429**	**5,46,271 11 0**	**2,31,962 11 2**	**56,130 9 0**	**3,70,439 8 10**

X.

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT IN 1876.

(*Lower Provinces and Assam.*)

(APPELLATE SIDE.)

	Remaining from 1875.	Filed in 1876.	Disposed of in 1876.	Remaining at close of 1876.	Days of sittings, with number of judges.			
					Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Other Judges.
I.—Regular Appeals ...	444	367	313	498				
References to the Full Bench	...	...	...	...	1	4	6	1
					2	4	6	...
Appeals to the Court at large under section 15 of the Letters Patent ...	...	...	...	...	3	4	5	1
					1	4	4	1
					9	3	7	1
					18	3	6	1
Reviews	...	...	...	...	2	3	6	...
					25	3	5	1
II.—Special Appeals ...	3,228	2,945	2,799	3,374	3	3	5	...
					15	3	4	1
References to the Full Bench	1	3	3	1	4	3	4	...
					2	3	3	1
Appeals to the Court at large under section 15 of the Letters Patent ...	60	152	139	73	3	3	3	...
					13	2	7	1
					18	2	6	1
					5	2	6	...
Reviews	3	...	2	1	17	2	5	1
					1	2	5	...
					8	2	4	1
III.—Miscellaneous Appeals ... Regular ...	135	261	254	142	2	2	4	...
					5	2	3	1
Miscellaneous Appeals ... Special ...	85	152	157	80	†241 1	2	3	...
					1	2	2	1
References to the Full Bench	...	1	...	1	1	2	1	...
					4	1	7	1
Appeals to the Court at large under section 15 of the Letters Patent ...	...	...	...	...	5	1	6	1
					18	1	5	1
					1	1	5	...
					5	1	4	1
Reviews	...	2	...	2	1	1	4	...
					3	1	3	1
IV.—References under Mofussil Small Cause Court Acts...	3	4	5	2	1	1	3	...
					1	1	2	1
					2	1	2	...
					26	1	1	...
V.—Divorce Cases	1	2	2	1	2	1	...	1
					2	1	...	...
					1	...	5	1
VI. Appeals from British Burma ...	2	...	2	...	1	...	5	...
					1	...	4	1
VI. References from British Burma ...	...	1	1	...	1	...	4	...
					1	...	3	1
					2	...	2	...
VII.—Criminal Cases	80	1,210	1,183	107	3	...	1	...
VIII.—Miscellaneous Orders in Court	284	2,049	2,110	223				
IX.—Miscellaneous Orders out of Court	...	*334	334	...				
Total ...	4,326	7,483	7,304	4,505				

* These figures indicate the number of orders passed out of Court on review of periodical returns (Civil and Criminal) and Sessions Statements, but do not include the orders passed on Letters and References in the Administrative Department, which are extremely numerous and important, occupying much of the time of one of the Judges, and some of them being further considered by a Committee.

† It must not be forgotten that from this calculation the work done on the Original Side is excluded. During 1876, it amounted to 377 days.

X.

BUSINESS FROM ASSAM DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT.

(APPELLATE SIDE—1876.)

		Remaining in 1875.	Filed in 1876.	Disposed of in 1876.	Remaining at close of 1876.
I.—Regular Appeals		6	8	7	7
II.—Special Appeals		54	118	99	73
III.—Miscellaneous Appeals	Regular ...	1	8	6	3
	Special ...	2	3	3	2
VII.—Criminal Cases		9	89	87	11
VIII.—Miscellaneous Orders in Court ...		...	18	18	...
IX.—Miscellaneous Orders out of Court ...		...	27	27	...

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APPEALS, &c., INSTITUTED IN THE HIGH COURT IN THE YEAR 1876.

(Showing Divisions and Districts).

		INSTITUTED IN 1876.							
		REGULAR APPEALS.		SPECIAL APPEALS.			CRIMINAL CASES.		
		Rs. 10,000 AND UPWARDS.	BELOW Rs. 10,000.	EXCEEDING Rs. 50 IN VALUE.	NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 50 IN VALUE.	MISCELLANEOUS.	APPEALS.	REFERENCES.	REVISIONS.
CENTRAL DIVISION.									
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	8	13	88	67	20	22	7	19
	NUDDEA ...	3	5	57	22	14	30	1	18
	JESSORE ...	2	10	67	66	16	24	2	11
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	3	6	6	1	5	16	...	11
	Total ...	16	34	218	156	55	92	10	59
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	2	8	57	37	30	11	2	20
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	1	3	33	14	4	9	2	6
	BEERBHOOM ...	1	8	26	9	3	8	1	5
	MIDNAPORE ...	3	10	85	42	15	50	3	11
	HOOGHLY ...	3	14	54	46	14	20	1	18
	Total ...	10	43	255	148	66	98	9	60
BRITISH BURMA (RECORDERS) ...	RANGOON ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	MOULMEIN ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
WESTERN DIVISION.									
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	9	20	109	49	33	16	...	33
	GYA ...	6	22	49	25	19	23	1	17
	SHAHABAD ...	6	15	118	57	26	19	1	10
	SARUN ...	9	20	123	104	30	13	1	9
	TIRHOOT ...	6	23	86	27	21	28	...	16
	Total ...	36	100	485	262	129	99	3	85
BHAUGULPORE	BHAUGULPORE ...	8	16	122	90	37	36	4	16
	PURNEAH ...	...	8	30	18	6	17	1	4
	Total ...	8	24	152	108	43	53	5	20
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	3	6	49	79	4	45	19	6
CUTTACK ...	CUTTACK ...	1	4	32	11	6	20	2	7
	Total ...	4	10	81	90	10	65	21	13

Y —*concluded.*

APPEALS, &c., INSTITUTED IN THE HIGH COURT IN THE YEAR 1876.

(*Showing Divisions and Districts*).

		INSTITUTED IN 1876.							
		REGULAR APPEALS.		SPECIAL APPEALS.		MISCELLANEOUS.	CRIMINAL CASES		
		Rs. 10,000 AND UPWARDS.	BELOW Rs. 10,000.	EXCEEDING Rs 50. IN VALUE	NOT EXCEEDING Rs 50. IN VALUE		APPEALS.	REFERENCES.	REVISIONS
EASTERN DIVISION.									
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	6	20	124	110	30	30	3	28
	BACKERGUNGE ...	1	6	62	43	9	53	5	16
	MYMENSINGH ...	2	8	52	64	19	26	1	7
	TIPPERAH ...	.	6	62	40	12	44	2	19
	Total ..	**9**	**40**	**300**	**257**	**70**	**153**	**11**	**70**
RAJSHAHYE	DINAGEPORE ...	1	6	18	11	4	24	1	10
	RAJSHAHYE ...	2	6	32	21	13	40	2	16
	RUNGPORE ...	2	4	34	29	6	32	4	13
	DARJEELING AND JULPIGOREE	.	.	5	2		9	3	4
	Total ...	**5**	**16**	**89**	**63**	**23**	**105**	**10**	**43**
CHITTAGONG...	CHITTAGONG ...	**1**	**3**	**86**	**76**	**7**	**17**	**2**	**17**
ASSAM ...	ASSAM VALLEY .	1	2	15	9	2	14	3	13
	SYLHET ...	1	2	48	34	8	30	6	13
	CACHAR ...	1	1	2	11		9	2	...
	Total ...	**3**	**5**	**65**	**54**	**10**	**53**	**11**	**26**
	Grand Total ...	**92**	**275**	**1,731**	**1,214**	**413**	**735**	**82**	**393**

Y.

APPEALS, &c., FROM ASSAM INSTITUTED IN THE HIGH COURT IN 1876.

		CIVIL APPEALS.					CRIMINAL APPEALS.		
		REGULAR		SPECIAL.		MISCELLANEOUS.	APPEAL.	REFERENCE.	REVISION.
		Rs. 10,000 AND UPWARDS	BELOW Rs. 10,000.	EXCEEDING Rs 50 IN VALUE.	NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 50 IN VALUE.				
ASSAM	ASSAM VALLEY	1	2	15	9	2	14	3	13
	SYLHET ...	1	2	48	34	8	30	6	13
	CACHAR	1	1	2	11	...	9	2	
	Total ...	**3**	**5**	**65**	**54**	**10**	**53**	**11**	**26**

Z.

RESULT OF APPEALS, REVISIONS, &c., IN THE HIGH COURT DURING THE YEAR 1876.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
Regular Appeals ...	District Judge	51	8	8	7	14	88
	Subordinate Judge	145	24	14	18	24	225
Special Appeals ...	District Judge	1,010	69	29	168	51	1,327
	Subordinate Judge ...	1,155	83	21	166	47	1,472
Miscellaneous Appeals ...	District Judge	163	47	...	26	11	247
	Subordinate Judge ...	113	27	...	19	5	164
Criminal Appeals ...	Court of Sessions	599	56	53	6	1	715
Revisions ...	Court of Sessions	20	18	4	...	13	55
	Magistrate of District ...	34	40	2	2	...	78
	Other Magistrates	108	111	18	5	4	246

Z.

RESULT OF APPEALS, REVISIONS, &c., FROM ASSAM IN THE HIGH COURT IN 1876.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
Regular Appeals...	District Judge	3	1	...	1	1	6
	Subordinate Judge ...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Special Appeals ...	District Judge	18	3	...	2	1	24
	Subordinate Judge ...	56	8	...	9	2	75
Miscellaneous Appeals ...	District Judge	3	4	...	1	1	9
	Subordinate Judge ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal Appeals ...	Court of Sessions	35	8	7	...	...	50
Revisions ...	Court of Sessions	3	...	...	...	...	3
	Magistrate of District ...	1	9	1	...	...	11
	Other Magistrates	4	5	1	...	...	10

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REPORT

ON

THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL JUSTICE

IN

THE LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL AND IN ASSAM

IN

1877.

In drawing up the present Report on the Administration of Civil Justice, attention has been paid to the wish expressed by the Government of India, in letter No. 382, dated 22nd March last, for a more detailed account of the working of the High Court on its Original Side, and for information regarding appeals to the Privy Council. Remarks have also been made regarding recent legislation. In other respects the Report has been prepared on the same plan as that of previous years. Separate Reports have been prepared on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the past year in the Lower Provinces of Bengal and in Assam.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original suits.

The number of civil suits, including divorce, vice-admiralty and testamentary and intestate (contentious) cases, pending on the Original Side of the High Court at the end of 1876 was 677 (instead of 679 as mentioned in the last Administration Report), and the number instituted during 1877 was 735, making together a total of 1,412.

The suits instituted during 1877 may be classified thus :—

18 for possession of immovable property ;
16 for partition ;
14 for foreclosure or sale ;
6 for specific performance of contracts ;
35 for declaration of rights ;
113 for an account ;
3 relating to religious endowments ;
2 to set aside judgments ;
2 divorce ;
1 for the restitution of conjugal rights ;
8 vice-admiralty ;
20 testamentary and intestate (contentious) ;
4 under section 326 of Act VIII of 1859 ;
493 for specific money claims amounting to Rs. 28,00,312.

735

	Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
1. Original suits, including vice-admiralty, testamentary and intestate (contentious) cases ...	598	806
2. Divorce suits	3	5
	601	811

The number of suits* disposed of in 1877 was 601, leaving undisposed of at the end of that year 811.

Of the suits disposed of—

54 were dismissed for default of the plaintiffs' appearing;
102 were withdrawn;
8 were decreed upon award;
9 were determined by compromise;
71 were decreed on confession;
194 were heard and determined *ex parte;*
163 were contested.

601

It will appear from the last Administration Report that the number of suits disposed of in 1876 was 886, as against 601 disposed of in 1877. This difference is accounted for by the fact that of the 886 cases disposed of in 1876, as many as 321 were cases which had for some time been on the file, and which were called up at the instance of the Court and struck off the file for want of prosecution, besides those dismissed for default of the plaintiff appearing to support his case at the trial.

Interlocutory applications.

There were also disposed of during 1877, 241 petitions for probate and letters of administration; 3 petitions in lunacy; one petition relating to the conduct of an attorney; 3 applications, under section 147 of the High Court Criminal Procedure Act (X of 1875), for the transfer to this Court of cases from the Presidency Magistrates' Courts; 10 applications, under the rules made pursuant to section 148 of the same Act, for warrants in lieu of the writ of *habeas corpus;* and about 2,031 interlocutory applications, including applications for *ad interim* injunctions, for the appointment of a receiver, for the discovery of documents, for execution, &c.

Of the 3 applications under section 147 of the High Court Criminal Procedure Act, two were refused.

The case which was the subject of the third application was transferred to this Court, and heard and determined by one of the Judges exercising original criminal jurisdiction, and, as the result, the sentence was quashed.

References to take accounts, &c.

Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
77	148

References to take accounts, to make inquiries, to settle conveyances, &c., are made either to a Judge in chambers or to an officer. The number pending at the commencement of 1877 was 121. The number of fresh references directed by the Court during the year was 104, making a total of 225. Of these, 10 were disposed of by a Judge in chambers, and 67 were disposed of by the Registrar on the Original Side. In 26 of the cases disposed of by the Registrar, that officer conducted the sale of property ordered to be sold otherwise than in the ordinary course of execution, after examining the title and settling the conditions of sale.

Criminal cases.

Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
89	2

Two criminal cases were pending on the files at the commencement of 1877, and 93 cases were filed during the year, making a total of 95. Of these, 89 were disposed of on their merits, leaving two undisposed of.

In one of the four cases disposed of otherwise than on their merits, the Advocate General informed the Court that he would not further prosecute the accused, who was charged with an unnatural offence, and thereupon a *nolle prosequi* was entered up.

In another of these cases the jury found that the accused, who was charged with an attempt to murder and voluntarily causing grievous hurt, had committed the act charged at a time when he was of unsound mind, and the Court ordered him to be kept in safe custody, and reported the case to the Local Government.

In each of the two other cases (in one of which the accused was charged with causing death by negligence, and in the other of which the accused was charged with forgery), the Court itself entered on the charge that it was unsustainable.

Appeals to the Appellate jurisdiction.

Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
23	22

At the commencement of 1877, seven appeals from the Original Side to the Appellate Side were pending, and 38 were filed during the year, making together 45. Of these, 16 were disposed of on their merits, and seven otherwise.

Of the 16 disposed of on their merits, the judgments appealed against were affirmed in 13 cases, and were reversed in two cases; and in one case the judgment was modified.

Of the seven appeals disposed of otherwise than on their merits, four were dismissed for default, and three were withdrawn.

References from the Calcutta Small Cause Court.

Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
2	None.

There were two references from the Calcutta Small Cause Court. One was pending at the commencement of 1877, and the other was filed during the year. Both were disposed of on their merits, the judgment being set aside in one case and being upheld in the other.

Insolvent cases.

Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
61	199

In the Insolvent Court the number of cases pending at the commencement of 1877 was 184, and the number filed during the year was 76: The total number on the files was 260. Of these, 45 were disposed of on their merits, and 16 otherwise.

Inquiry as to property supposed to belong to insolvents.

In four cases witnesses were examined under section 26 of the Insolvent Act, with the object of obtaining discovery as to property in the possession of third parties. In two of these cases the property was found to belong to the insolvent, and was ordered to be made over to the Official Assignee. These inquiries occupied nine days of one Judge.

The number of insolvent cases pending at the end of 1877 was 199. Of these, 58, though still pending on the files of undisposed of cases, have all been heard on their merits, with the following result. In 20 cases the further hearing was adjourned to a future day, with protection, and with a direction requiring the insolvent to pay to the Official Assignee a specified monthly sum; in 22 cases the further hearing was adjourned to a future day, with protection; in 16 cases the further hearing was adjourned to a future day, without protection. These cases will be finally disposed of on the respective days to which they were adjourned as a punitive measure.

It should be stated that steps are being taken to relieve the files of several cases which have not been prosecuted for a considerable time, and are supposed to have been abandoned.

Orders

There were also disposed of during the year 290 miscellaneous applications, including 50 applications for protection orders.

Judges' time occupied

For the hearing of Original suits, two Judges sat together for nine days, two Judges sat separately and simultaneously on 86 days, and one Judge sat alone on 141 days.

References from this Court occupied 23 days of one Judge.

A special case relating to the conduct of an attorney occupied a Judge one day.

The Insolvent Court occupied 20 days of one Judge.

The criminal sessions occupied 43 days of one Judge.

The appeals from the Original Side, and the references from the Calcutta Small Cause Court, occupied two Judges for 24 days.

Appeals to the Privy Council.

The total number of appeals from the Original Side to the Privy Council during the last 15 years, namely, from 1863 to 1877 (both inclusive), was 44, of which only 23 have been actually prosecuted in England. Of these, one was dismissed for want of prosecution, and 15 were disposed of on their merits, with the following result. In 13 cases the judgments were affirmed; in one case the judgment was modified, and in one case it was reversed. There are 7 cases still pending before the Privy Council. In an appeal preferred in November 1877, the appellant has not yet complied with an order requiring him to give security for costs, in consequence of which the transmission of the transcript record has been delayed. The remaining 21 cases were never sent to the Privy Council, but were either withdrawn, settled, or struck off the file for default in providing security.

A detailed statement of the appeals to the Privy Council is annexed.

Income.

The fees realized on the Original Side during 1877 are as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Commission of the Accountant General of the Court ...	12,440	12	7
„ of the Receiver	16,242	14	6
„ on sales by the Registrar	4,944	10	0
Other fees levied by the Registrar by means of stamps...	1,96,733	5	0
Fines	25,305	0	0
	2,55,666	10	1
Probate and administration duty	1,84,827	0	0
	4,40,493	10	1

Cost.

The cost of the establishment during the year ending 31st December is Rs. 1,80,120-12-0.

The income derived from every source except one, namely, the Receiver's Office, was larger in 1877 than in the previous year. The unusually large amount of fines is owing to the fact that an exceptionally heavy fine of Rs. 20,000, equal to nearly four-fifths of the total amount, was imposed in a single case.

The amount of the *ad valorem* fee chargeable on probates and letters of administration is also larger than in the previous year. It should be stated that much care and vigilance is required on the part of the Registrar in levying this fee.

New Code of Civil Procedure

The new Code of Civil Procedure [X of 1877] came into operation during the Dusserah vacation of 1877. The Court re-opened on the 16th of November, and, after sitting for a month, was again closed for the Christmas vacation. The Court's experience of the working of the Code in that year, though limited to the short interval between the two vacations, was yet sufficient to show that much practical difficulty was experienced, attended with considerable additional expense to suitors, in giving effect to some of the provisions of the Act, notably those contained in sections 51, 52, 115, and 287.

Sections 51, 52, and 115.

By sections 51, 52, and 115 a plaint, or written statement, is required to be signed by the suitor and his pleader, and the verification is required to be signed by the suitor, or some other person acquainted with the facts, *in Court*, or, if out of Court, in the presence of a witness; and when signed in the presence of a witness, the Court is required to examine the witness as to the fact of the signature.

Rules

The difficulty experienced in giving effect to these sections, especially in those cases in which the suitor, or other person acquainted with the facts of the case, resides out of the British territories in India, or at a distance from Calcutta, has been obviated by rules passed by the Court, which enable the verification to be proved by affidavit.

Section 58

Section 58 requires as many full copies of the plaint as there are defendants to be furnished by the plaintiff. It also provides that a like number of concise statements may, with the permission of the Court, be substituted for full copies, when the plaint is of unusual length, or there are numerous defendants, or for any other sufficient reason.

The effect of this section will be to reduce, to a certain extent, the fees levied in the Registrar's Office, and at the same time to increase the costs of a suit, and especially of an undefended suit. Under Act VIII of 1859, a defendant intending to defend a suit obtained a copy of the plaint from the Registrar's Office, for which he paid at the rate of 8 annas per folio of 90 words, by means of court-fee stamps. The duty of furnishing copies of the plaint is now transferred to the plaintiff, with the right of adding the costs incurred by him for that purpose to the general costs of suit. Formerly, in a defended suit, the defendants in the same interests obtained but one copy of the plaint. Now

the plaintiff is required to furnish as many copies of the plaint as there are defendants, without reference to whether their interests are identical or otherwise. Formerly, too, the cost of obtaining a copy of the plaint was never incurred in an undefended suit. Now as many copies of the plaint as there are defendants have to be furnished before it is known whether or not the suit will be defended.

Rules.

In order to prevent unnecessary costs from being incurred, a rule has been passed which provides that no costs for making or presenting any copy or copies of the plaint under this section will be allowed, unless the Court has directed such copy or copies to be presented.

Before quitting this section, it should be stated that the provision contained in it for the substitution of concise statements for full copies of the plaint is of no practical value, inasmuch as a concise statement in the form prescribed contains no particulars of the claim beyond those given in the body of the summons to appear and answer.

The forms of concise statements are identical with the general endorsements of claim which, by the rules contained in the Schedule to the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875 [38 and 39 Vic., Chap. 77], are required to be made on the writ of summons *ad respondendum.*

The form of summons prescribed by the Judicature Act requires a defendant to "cause an appearance to be entered in an action at the suit of A. B." It contains no information as to the nature of the claim, except that stated by endorsement on the summons.

Concise statements are not adapted to a procedure which requires the particulars of the claim to be set forth in the body of the summons.

Section 261 inapplicable to minors.

In an application made under section 202 of Act VIII of 1859 [which corresponds to section 261 of the new Code of Civil Procedure] it was held that that section does not apply to minors.

It should be pointed out that section 261 of the new Code of Civil Procedure, which provides for the settlement and execution of conveyances and endorsement of negotiable instruments, is made inapplicable to this Court in its ordinary original civil jurisdiction; while section 262, which prescribes the form and states the effect of the execution of a conveyance and the endorsement of a negotiable instrument *under the other section,* is made applicable to this Court.

The Judges exercising original civil jurisdiction have dealt with all applications made under these sections as if they were both applicable to this Court.

Section 268.

Section 268 provides that "no attachment under this section shall remain in force for more than six months; *at the end of which time,* if the judgment-debtor has not obeyed the decree, the property attached may be sold."

As property cannot be sold in execution after the attachment has ceased to be in force, it was held, on an application for the sale of property attached under that section, that that section must be read as if the word "during" was substituted for the words "at the end of."

Attachment before judgment.

One of the earliest applications made to the Court under the new Code of Civil Procedure was for the execution, within the local limits of its jurisdiction, of a warrant issued by the Court of the Deputy Commissioner of Delhi, for the arrest, *before* judgment, of the defendant in a suit for the recovery of a sum below Rs. 1,000. The application was made under section 648, which requires that the person arrested shall be sent to the Court by which the warrant was issued. The result of arresting a defendant in Calcutta and sending him in safe custody to a distance of nearly 1,000 miles, and that, too, in a suit in which the claim was not only for a small sum, but in which judgment had not yet been obtained, would have been most oppressive. The application was refused.

Rules.

Besides the rules already mentioned as having been passed by the Court, some further rules have been passed, with the object of enabling the Registrar on the Original Side to perform all acts to be done under sections 262, 287, and 302.

Appeals to the Privy Council from the Original Side since the establishment of the High Court to the end of 1877.

Year.	Appeals filed.	Disposed of by the Privy Council.				Disposed of by the High Court.	
		Decree affirmed.	Decree modified.	Decree reversed.	Dismissed for want of prosecution.	Settled or withdrawn.	Struck off for default in providing security.
1863 ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1864 ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1865 ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
1866 ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
1867 ...	3	3	...	1	1	1	1
1868 ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
1869 ...	6	...	...	...	...	...	1
1870 ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
1871 ..	4	1	...	...	...	1	2
1872 ...	3	1	1	...	...	1	...
1873 ...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...
1874 ...	6	4	...	...	...	1	1
1875 ...	2	...	...	...	...	3	...
1876 ...	5	2	...	...	...	...	3
1877 ...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...
Total ...	44 32	13	1	1	1	8	8
	12	32					

Note.—Of the remaining 12 cases—

4 (of which 1 was preferred in 1865, 1 in 1867, 1 in 1869, and 1 in 1870) have been settled, though no formal settlement has been recorded;

7 are still pending before the Privy Council;

1 preferred in November 1877 has not yet been sent, in consequence of the order requiring the appellant to give security for costs not yet having been complied with.

II.—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Original cases instituted, disposed of, and pending, 1876-77.

See Statement A.

There was nothing abnormal in the circumstances of the past year to affect litigation in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in any marked degree. The fact that a new Code of Civil Procedure and a new Limitation Act came into force at the beginning of the fourth quarter of the year may have had generally the effect, which some District Judges have noticed, of bringing claims into Court somewhat sooner than would otherwise have been the case. It may also be that the high price obtained for agricultural produce, owing to the famine prevailing in other provinces, may have led money-lenders generally, as it is said to have done in individual districts, to take advantage of the opportunity for pressing their claims. On the whole however, the increase in the number of regular suits in the past as compared with the previous year was less than usual, and it is only as regards suits in the Courts of Small Causes that the increase was above the average.

The number of suits instituted in the Regular and the Small Cause Courts respectively during the past three years is shown in the following table:—

Class of Court.	1875.	1876.	1877.
Regular	278,391	291,433	299,885
Small Cause Court	45,075	47,423	49,443
Total ...	323,466	338,856	349,328

It will be observed that the increase in the number of suits in the Regular Courts in 1877 was 8,452, against 13,042 in 1876; while in the Small Cause

Courts it was 2,020, against 2,348. For the past five years the average rate of increase has been nearly 10,000 suits in the Regular and 1,000 in the Small Cause Courts.

A difficulty arises in comparing the figures for the past two years in detail; for, as a reference to the appended statements will show, a new Judgeship, composed of the district of Noacolly, formerly included in Tipperah, and of part of Chittagong, was constituted. Taking the figures for the three districts together however, it appears that the total number of suits instituted in them was 42,225 in 1877, against 37,832 in 1876. There was thus an increase of 4,393 suits in these districts alone, or nearly double the increase (2,270) which occurred in the previous year. No special reasons are assigned for this, except in Chittagong, where it is said that the people are still suffering from the effects of the disastrous cyclone mentioned in last report. An examination of the figures in Statement D shows that the increase is principally in suits of the Small Court class, and is also large in rent suits, while there is a marked decrease in suits of other classes. The figures stand as follows:—

Increase in 1877, Small Cause Court suits ...	4,642
Ditto rent suits	1,264
Total increase ...	5,906
Decrease in 1877, other suits	1,513
Net increase... ...	4,393

This falling off in litigation, generally accompanied by increased activity in prosecuting claims for money, is not inconsistent with this explanation.

The other districts in which the increase in the number of suits instituted is conspicuous are Backergunge, Hooghly, and Jessore, which respectively show figures larger than in the previous year to the extent of 1,032, 1,425, and 1,206.

In Dinagepore, Dacca, Furreedpore, and Bhagulpore, all districts in which the increase in regular suits was marked in 1876, there was a decrease in the past year, but not sufficient in any case to bring the figures below the standard of 1875. Similarly in Mymensingh there was a decrease of 818 suits, and in Rajshahye of 628 suits.

In Jessore the total number of suits filed in all Courts in 1877 was over 30,000; a large number of these (12,462), however, were instituted in the Small Cause Courts. In the 24-Pergunnahs and Dacca the number of institutions continued above 20,000; nor was the number instituted in Tipperah far short of this (18,515), notwithstanding the separation of Noacolly. The districts ranking next in order of importance are, as before, Mymensingh, Nuddea, and Rungpore. Then comes Hooghly, which, with its 15,484 suits, now takes precedence of East Burdwan, where the number fell to 14,807. West Burdwan, Julpigoree, Darjeeling, and Gya continue to be the districts where institutions are least numerous. In West Burdwan there was an increase last year of 473 suits; in Gya, a decrease of 69; and in Julpigoree and Darjeeling, one of 357.

Assam. In Assam the total number of suits instituted was 21,282, against 19,429 in the previous year. In Sylhet there was an increase of 2,116 suits; on the other hand, there was a decrease of 139 suits in the Valley Districts, and of 124 in Cachar. In Sylhet there was a slight decrease in "other suits," and the increase noticed occurred chiefly in Small Cause Court class cases. In Cachar the decrease in cases of this class is attributed to the high price of necessaries, and to abnormal causes having operated in 1876. In the Assam Valley Districts the decrease, which was most marked in Lakhimpur, Kamrup, and Goalpara, is attributed to the introduction of the new Code of Civil Procedure, to the failure of crops in North Lakhimpur, and to the absence of a sufficient staff of officers with Munsif's powers at that place and at Golaghat.

Disposals. The number of Extra Munsifs temporarily employed in the Lower Provinces last year was 11 only for 3 months on an average, while 20 were so employed for 3½ months on an average in the previous year. It is therefore a satisfactory feature in the returns to find that 9,435 more cases were disposed of in 1877 than in 1876, the figures being 355,442, against 346,007. In Tirhoot and Midnapore the number of cases disposed of fell somewhat short of that of those instituted, but in neither district was the outturn of work unsatisfactory, and in the former it considerably exceeded that of the previous year.

Pending files

There was a decrease of 1,141 in the number of suits pending disposal at the end of the year, as compared with its commencement, the figures being 40,416, against 39,275. The decrease was marked at Moorshedabad, Rungpore, Dacca, and Patna.

Assam.

Excluding suits in the Revenue Courts, the total number of cases disposed of in Assam during the past year was 20,889, against 19,845 in the preceding year. In Sylhet the services of an Extra Munsif were employed for somewhat more than a month. Notwithstanding an increase in the number of disposals, this still fell somewhat short of the number of cases instituted. In Cachar a similar result is observed, though the number of institutions had decreased. The Judge explains that work in his district has been prejudiced by the frequent change of judicial officers, and by the sudder and sub-divisional stations being left for a time without a Munsif.

The total number of cases pending at the close of the year was 2,840, as compared with 2,265 at the close of 1876. In Cachar the percentage of increase is very high, and is attributed to the causes mentioned above.

Suits and appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1876

Vide Statement B.

In the Lower Provinces of Bengal the number of suits and appeals pending for more than a year was somewhat greater at the close of the year under review than at its commencement. The general results shown in the margin, though somewhat unfavourable, are better than in 1875.

	1876	1877.
Original cases ...	135	136
Appeals	175	334

In Tirhoot there was a large increase of long-pending suits and appeals; in Patna and Sarun, of the latter only. In Gya, where there were no less than 12 original suits and 66 appeals pending more than a year, the time of the District Judge has been much occupied with certain heavy original suits. A second Subordinate Judge was deputed to assist in reducing the files towards the close of the year. The Additional Judge, who had temporarily been working at Gya and Patna, was transferred to Rajshahye, where some improvement has been effected. The reappointment of an Additional Judge to the Behar Districts has been proved to be unavoidable; and the Court is about to make an application on the subject to the Government of Bengal. The files have also been materially reduced at Chittagong.

Assam

In Assam there were at the end of 1877, 14 suits and 6 appeals, which had been pending more than 12 months. Of these, 4 appeals were in Sylhet, and the rest of the cases in the Valley Districts.

Number and value of suits instituted in 1873 to 1877.

See Statement C

In Statement C will be found a comparative statement of the number of suits instituted in the Regular Courts during each of the past five years, and the value involved in litigation in the first and the last of these years. From this it will be observed that the value of suits instituted in the Lower Provinces of Bengal last year was Rs. 3,99,89,304, against Rs. 3,66,35,251 in 1873; the number of suits for these years being 299,885 and 247,926 respectively. In last year's report the value of the 291,643 suits instituted in the Regular Courts of the Lower Provinces was shown to be Rs. 4,79,78,629; an error in the Midnapore returns requires that half a lakh of rupees should be deducted from this amount. In Gya, too, allowance must be made for a supplementary suit having been instituted by order of the Judge in a case involving a very large amount of property, which was thus counted twice over. The amount in litigation in this district for the past year is shown as Rs. 12,42,143 only, against Rs. 40,56,858 in the previous one. In East Burdwan a decrease of over 15 lakhs is returned; in Bhaugulpore, of over 8 lakhs; and in Hooghly, of over 7 lakhs. The districts where the amount in litigation is shown chiefly to have been greater than in 1876 are—24-Pergunnahs, with an increase of over 8 lakhs; Mymensingh and Moorshedabad, of over 5 lakhs; and Rungpore, of over 4 lakhs.

Assam

In Assam the amount in litigation in the Civil Courts was Rs. 16,77,750, against Rs. 15,27,210 in 1873; the number of suits instituted being less by 429 in the former than in the latter year. Comparing the figures with those for 1876, when the number of suits instituted was 19,429, and their value Rs. 35,05,382, the decrease in value is very marked. As there was an increase of over half a lakh of rupees in Cachar and Sylhet, taken together, the decrease is to be traced entirely in the returns of the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts; and these show that the greater part of it is accounted for in Goalpara, where in 1876 certain zemindars instituted suits against the Government to the aggregate value of 20 lakhs of rupees,—a circumstance which did not recur in 1877.

The total value of the 355,442 suits which were disposed of in all Courts of the Lower Provinces during the past year was Rs. 4,69,22,593, against Rs. 5,08,18,544 in the previous year. In Assam the value of the 20,889 suits disposed of was Rs. 15,13,119, against Rs. 22,70,269, the value of the 19,839 suits disposed of in 1876. The detailed statement of the value of suits disposed of will, as usual, be found later in this report. **Value of suits disposed of.**

The following table shows the number of suits instituted in all Courts in the Lower Provinces during the past three years, according to the class to which they belonged:— **Classification of suits instituted.** *See Statement D.*

	1875	1876.	1877.
Small Cause Court class	170,150	177,380	184,821
Rent suits	116,585	123,433	126,711
Other class	36,731	36,215	36,961

Excluding cases instituted in the Small Cause Courts, the number of cases of the Small Cause Court class was 135,378 in 1877, against 129,957 in 1876. Of these 135,378 cases however, 29,933 were petty cases instituted before officers vested with Small Cause Court powers, up to Rs. 50 in value, under section 29, Act VI of 1871. Deducting these as disposed of summarily, there remained 105,445 cases which were dealt with under the ordinary procedure.

On referring to Statement D in the Appendix, it will be observed that it gives details, district by district, of 299,885 cases instituted last year in the Regular Courts. For every 100 cases instituted in 1873, 120 cases were instituted in the year under review. The percentage of increase and decrease for the several classes of suits during the same period is shown in the margin. The decrease in "other suits" is very marked, but is explained by the fact that the number of suits of this class entered in the returns for 1873 was abnormally high. From the table given above, it will be observed that the figure given for the year under review is greater than that for either of the years immediately preceding.

Small Cause Court class suits, increase ...	31 per cent.
Rent suits " ...	24 "
Other suits, decrease ..	17 "

It will, however, be observed that the number in 1874 was very nearly 2,000 in excess of the number in 1877. It is not improbable that the comparatively stationary return of "other suits," while rent and Small Cause Court cases are annually growing in number, is in part due to the fact that questions of title are more frequently put forward for decision in suits for rent or damages. The Court is not in a position to state that this is actually a cause of the decrease of "other suits" in 1877, as compared with 1874; but inasmuch as the matter is one of grave importance to the Government in connexion with the system of raising revenue by the taxation of suits in proportion to the amount or value of the subject-matter, it is of opinion that attention should be called to any indication that the stream of litigation is taking, or is likely to take, new channels.

The increase in cases of the Small Cause Court class last year was most marked in Backergunge, and amounted to 1,060 cases, or 54 per cent. The Judge observes that in the Dukhinshahbazpore and Patuakhally sub-divisions of that district the zemindars have been impoverished, and the ryots simply ruined, and that, but for the wide-felt distress, the increase would have been still greater. In Rajshahye there was a decrease of 789 cases of this description. In Chittagong there was a decrease of 1,239 "other" cases, and in Midnapore of 1,113 rent suits.

In Assam the number of cases of the several classes instituted during the past three years was as follows:— **Assam.**

	1875	1876.	1877.
Small Cause Court class	15,519	15,345	16,748
Rent suits	1,351	937	1,415
Other cases	3,941	3,147	3,119
TOTAL ...	20,811	19,429	21,282

In Sylhet no less than 1,355 rent suits were filed in the past, against 892 only in the previous year. There was at the same time an increase of 1,726 in the number of Small Cause Court class cases in this district. In the absence of a Small Cause Court, the Subordinate Judge is vested with Small Cause

Court powers for the trial of petty cases, but only 442 such cases were instituted before him. In the Valley Districts there was a slight decrease in Small Cause Court class cases, and also in "other" cases.

Districts in which suits were most frequent

Following the usual practice, the following statement is given of the districts in which cases of the several classes were most frequent. Taking the Regular Courts only, the following were the districts with more than 10,000 Small Cause Court class cases :—

	1876.	1877.
Mymensingh	13,071	12,836
Tipperah	10,894	10,057
Dacca	10,624	10,544

Taking into account the cases filed in the Small Cause Courts, the following is a list of the districts where cases of the class cognizable by these Courts are most numerous :—

	1876.	1877.
Dacca	15,825	16,205
Jessore	14,143	15,080
24-Pergunnahs	13,445	13,666
Mymensingh	13,071	12,836
Nuddea	9,635	10,236
Tipperah	10,894	10,057

The following were the only districts where the number of rent suits exceeded 10,000 in the past year :—

	1876.	1877
Jessore	12,693	13,293
24-Pergunnahs	11,264	11,121

The districts next in importance as regards suits of this description are—

	1876.	1877
Backergunge	6,947	8,439
Tipperah	10,616	6,961

The decrease in Tipperah is due to Noacolly having, as already mentioned, been made a separate Judgeship.

The only districts where more than 2,000 "other" suits were instituted last year were—

	1876.	1877.
24-Pergunnahs	2,373	2,813
Burdwan, East	2,297	2,688
Jessore	2,156	2,393
Cuttack	1,398	2,247
Mymensingh	2,265	2,113

The most marked increase has occurred in Cuttack, and the most marked decrease in Chittagong.

Assam.

In Assam the number of suits of the Small Cause Court class filed in each district during the past two years was as follows :—

	1876	1877.
Sylhet	6,833	8,559
Valley Districts	6,965	6,743
Cachar	1,547	1,446

The number of "other cases" was as follows :—

	1876	1877.
Sylhet	2,031	1,958
Valley Districts	671	754
Cachar	445	407

In the Valley Districts as well as in Chota Nagpore and Orissa rent suits are tried by the Revenue Courts, under Act X of 1859, and are not therefore included in the returns.

In the following table the suits of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the Lower Provinces of Bengal for the past two years are exhibited in

detail, according as they were instituted in the Small Cause Courts or in the Regular Courts, and according to the nature of the claim.

Description of suits.	Small Cause Courts.		Regular Courts.	
	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
On written obligation	26,667	27,404	94,435	99,996
On unwritten obligation	5,234	6,378	7,395	7,628
On account stated	2,100	1,268	8,700	7,565
Money had and received	825	875	3,433	3,367
Goods sold	5,334	5,701	2,954	2,863
Breach of contract not mentioned above ...	1,530	1,496	2,067	2,268
Rent not falling under the Rent Law ...	2,573	2,700	1,480	1,567
Movable property or value thereof ...	1,016	954	6,181	6,437
Damages	2,144	2,667	3,425	3,687
Total ...	47,423	49,443	130,070	135,378

The increase in the total number of suits has again been very generally distributed over each description of case both in the Small Cause Courts and in the Regular Courts. In the Lower Provinces, bond suits constituted nearly 70 per cent. of the whole number of cases of the Small Cause Court class. In Assam the proportion was less, being 58 per cent. only. Suits for damages, on the other hand, were comparatively more frequent in that province than in Bengal.

The following table contains a comparative statement of the various descriptions of rent suits instituted during the past two years in the Civil Courts and in the Revenue Courts.

Description of suits.	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
Arrears of rent	113,924	117,356	5,875	6,022
Enhancement or abatement of rent ...	2,990	2,789	64	87
Relating to distraint	363	370	636	745
Damages for extortion, &c.	394	273	70	177
For pottahs or kabulyuts	173	228	132	120
For ejectment or recovery of possession ...	2,192	1,332	238	310
For recovery of money or accounts from agents	869	845	27	25
All other suits under the Rent Law ...	2,569	3,518	77	101
Total ...	123,507	126,711	7,119	7,587

From the above it appears that suits for arrears of rent have considerably increased, while suits for ejectment and for enhancement of rent, except in the Revenue Courts, have decreased. It is certain, however, that among suits ostensibly of the first mentioned are many which ought properly to be called suits for enhancement.

Assam.

In Assam the following were the chief classes of rent suits instituted.

Description of suits.	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
Arrears of rent	890	1,305	269	241
For pottahs or kabulyuts	3	7	38	72
For ejectment	18	76	14	3
Other suits under the Rent Law ...	15	27	29	43
Total ...	926	1,415	350	359

The most noticeable features in the returns are the total absence of suits for enhancement of rent in the province during the past year, and the large increase in suits for arrears of rent and for ejectment in Sylhet.

The following statement gives details of suits other than rent suits and suits of the Small Cause Court class in the Lower Provinces of Bengal.

Description of suits.	Number of suits.		Percentage of total number of suits of this class.	
	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
Suits for immovable property	27,919	28,117	76·98	74·39
Suits for specific performance of contract ...	1,138	1,148	3·14	3·04
Suits to declare and establish right to real property ...	3,663	4,875	10·09	12·9
Suits to establish personal rights	1,362	1,415	3·76	3·74
Suits for an account	595	662	1·64	1·75
Suits relating to religious endowments	68	63	·19	·17
Suits to set aside judgments, &c.	543	504	1·49	1·32
Suits for dissolution of marriage	48	44	·14	·11
Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights ...	330	343	·91	·24
Suits for partition	523	528	1·44	1·39
Suits relating to shipping	1	4	...	...
Suits relating to religion and caste	81	93	·22	·25
Total ...	36,271	37,796	100	100

From the above it appears that there has been a slight decrease in the number of suits to set aside judgments, contracts and obligations on the ground of fraud, in suits for dissolution of marriage, and relating to religious endowments. Under all the other heads there has been an increase. The increase has been most marked as regards suits to declare and establish right to real property. This is doubtless owing to a constant struggle to bring under this denomination suits to recover possession, the inducement being the low institution fee of Rs. 10.

Assam

In Assam, of 3,119 "other suits" filed in 1877, 2,579 were suits for immovable property, and 184 for declaration of right to the same. The total number of suits for the enforcement of matrimonial rights was 208, as compared with 343 in the whole of the Lower Provinces. In the Valley Districts alone there were 143 suits of this description, compared with 102 in 1876, and 156 in 1875. With respect to them, the District Judge reports that in almost every case the evidence is of a meagre and unsatisfactory character. It is hardly possible to do justice between the parties under the circumstances, and the Judge's suggestion, that a law should be passed rendering the registration of marriage among the Assamese compulsory, or at least optional, is worthy of consideration.

Suits how disposed of.

See Statement E.

The manner in which suits were disposed of in Bengal during each of the past five years is shown in the following table :—

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte*.	Contested.	Total.
1873 ...	99,746	109,484	91,314	300,544
1874 ...	98,600	98,432	85,101	282,133
1875 ...	114,047	118,061	88,780	320,888
1876 ...	126,068	127,776	92,163	346,007
1877 ...	129,094	133,254	93,094	355,442

The decrease in the proportion of contested cases, noticed in last report, still continues, the figures being 26·19 per cent. in 1877, against 26·6 per cent. in

1876, and 27·7 per cent. in 1875. In the Small Cause Courts the ratio was 20·7 per cent., the same as in 1876, while in the Regular Civil Courts it was 27 per cent. This is probably accounted for by the number of rent suits which never come to a hearing.

The number of contested suits exceeded 5,000 in the past year in the following districts only :—

	1875.	1876	1877
Jessore	7,897	8,106	8,255
24-Pergunnahs	6,030	7,216	7,118

In Burdwan, Hooghly, Nuddea, Dacca, Mymensingh, Tipperah, and Chittagong the number exceeded 4,000.

The districts where the proportion of contested suits was greatest were, as noted in the margin, the same as in the previous year. In Bhaugulpore, while the proportion was as low as 18 per cent. in the Small Cause Courts, in the Regular Courts it was 35·7 per cent. In Cuttack the ratio in all Courts was 20·1 per cent. only.

Patna	45 1 per cent.
Gya	45 0 "
Tirhoot ...	39 1 "

In Assam the manner in which suits were disposed of during the past four years was as follows :— **Assam.**

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte.*	Contested.	TOTAL.
1874 ..	7,485	5,371	6,404	19,260
1875	7,816	5,645	7,850	21,311
1876	7,756	5,786	6,651	20,193
1877	7,984	6,918	5,987	20,889

From the above it appears that in the past year the proportion of contested cases was 28·6 per cent., as compared with 32·4 per cent. in the previous year. While in Sylhet and Cachar the ratio was only 23 per cent., or less than the average for the Lower Provinces, in the Valley Districts it was as high as 37·6 per cent. The difference in the results in Goalpara, as compared with those in Nowgong and Seebsaugor, as shown in the margin, is very marked. The fact that in Goalpara the people and the pleaders are more intelligent and better educated than in the districts further up the valley of the Brahmaputra may, as has been suggested by the Judge, in some measure account for this feature in the returns. The character given to the vakils, as a body, at Nowgong is far from favourable, and it may be that cases which ought not to have come into Court at all are taken up by them, and that suitors are induced to resist just claims. The Court has taken action at the instance of the District Judge with a view to inducing a better class of men to practise at the bar in Assam.

	Proportion of contested cases
Goalpara ..	26 per cent.
Nowgong ..	54 "
Seebsaugor ..	40 "

The following statement shows more in detail the manner of disposal of suits in Bengal, in the Regular Courts and in the Small Cause Courts separately. It also shows the proportion of cases in which plaintiffs and defendants were respectively successful during the past three years. **Details as to suits decided.**

ALL COURTS			Mode of disposal	SMALL CAUSE COURTS		
1875	1876	1877		1875.	1876	1877
844	805	841	Plaints rejected, &c. ..		160	94
21,706	28,459	32,119	Default	4,938	5,884	6,944
6,612	7,806	7,718	Withdrawn	1,025	1,165	1,202
20,931	17,872	16,977	Dismissed *ex parte* ..	546	355	286
26,524	27,255	27,199	Dismissed on trial	2,777	2,958	3,191
76,617	82,197	84,854	Plaintiff loses	9,286	10,522	11,717
32,369	35,285	38,522	Compromised ...	5,085	5,381	6,371
52,799	54,259	50,146	Confession	12,674	12,573	11,414
97,322	110,114	116,471	Decree *ex parte*	11,304	12,276	13,256
62,449	65,057	66,066	Decree on trial ...	6,651	6,900	7,116
212,570	229,430	232,683	Plaintiff wins	30,629	31,749	31,786
32,369	35,285	38,522	Add compromised	5,085	5,381	6,371
244,939	264,715	271,205	... ...	35,714	37,130	38,157

It thus appears that of the whole number of cases decided in 1877, 10·82 per cent. were compromised, against 10·17 per cent. in 1876. The cases won by the plaintiff formed 65·35 per cent. of the whole, as compared with 66·14 per cent. in the previous year, while those he lost were 23·8 per cent., as compared with 23·7 per cent.

Assam.

The result of trials in Assam for the past two years is shown in the margin. The percentage of cases won by the plaintiff and compromised during the year under review was 57·95 and 9·4 per cent. respectively, or somewhat less than in Bengal. The percentage of cases won by the defendant was correspondingly greater, being 32·65 per cent., against 23·8 per cent. in the Lower Provinces. It may be that, with an inferior bar in Assam, cases are brought before the Courts which in Bengal would not be instituted. Want of skill also probably affects the case of a plaintiff more seriously than it does the defence.

	1876	1877.
Judgment for plaintiff	11,571	12,105
Judgment for defendant ...	6,410	6,823
Compromised ...	1,864	1,961

Applications under section 119, Act VIII of 1859.
See Statement F.

The figures given in the margin show for the past two years the number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte*, compared with the number of applications for setting aside the judgments in such cases made and granted. The ratio of applications to judgments has declined from 6½ to 6 per cent. Of the applications made, 39·67 per cent. only were granted in 1877, against 40·29 per cent. in 1876.

	1876.	1877.
No of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte* ...	148,330	138,002
No. of applications to set aside judgments in such cases .	8,972	9,065
No. of such applications granted ...	3,055	2,967

The decrease in the number of applications has occurred entirely in the Munsifs' Courts, where the tendency now appears to be to deal with them strictly.

Assam.

In Assam, of 180 applications disposed of, 70 were granted, the corresponding figures for 1876 being 86 applications granted out of 168 presented.

Value of suits disposed of

The following is a statement of the number of suits disposed of in the Lower Provinces during the past four years, classified according to value.

			1874.	1875.	1876	1877
Not exceeding Rs.	5	...	29 600	33,825	33,267	34,551
,, ,,	20	...	85,518	95,376	102,751	106,244
,, ,,	100	...	131,825	145,269	157,605	163,807
,, ,,	500	...	35,935	38,253	42,116	41,804
,, ,,	1,000	...	4,064	4,516	4,732	4,845
,, ,,	5,000	...	3,026	2,996	3,003	3,429
,, ,,	10,000	...	421	408	533	420
,, ,,	1,00,000	...	285	245	337	316
Exceeding ,,	1,00,000	...	20	12	39	26
	TOTAL	...	290,694	320,900	344,383	355,442

The increase in the total number of suits disposed of in the past, compared with the previous year, is represented by 11,059 cases, of which, however, 80 cases only are due to an increase in suits exceeding Rs. 100 in value. As suits which do not exceed this amount in value form 85·7 per cent. of the whole number disposed of, it is clear that, in providing to meet the increase in the business of the Courts, the chief object to be kept in view must be to give increased facilities for the disposal of suits of very trifling value. The chief measure adopted with this view is vesting selected Munsifs with powers to dispose summarily of Small Cause Court class cases up to Rs. 50 in value. The question of giving similar powers for the disposal of petty rent suits is one which will no doubt be considered in connection with the proposal for the amendment of the Rent Law now before Council.

The number of suits decided during the past four years in which the value exceeded Rs. 1,000 is shown in the margin. Since 1873 there had been some decline in these suits of high value, which has, however, now been entirely regained.

1874	3,752
1875	3,661
1876	3,912
... ...	4,191

Of the 20,889 suits disposed of in Assam during the past year, 11 only exceeded Rs. 5,000 in value, as compared with 18 in the previous year; 17,847 suits, or 85·4 per cent. of the whole, were of less than Rs. 100 in value. Of 338 cases decided in the Revenue Courts of the Valley Districts, 6 only exceeded Rs. 100 in value, while of the rest 253 were petty suits involving a value of less than Rs. 20. Assam.

Some difference of practice has been found to exist in regard to the manner in which the figures entered in Statement G, column 3, showing the number of decrees partially executed, have been hitherto compiled in different districts. In most instances "struck off" cases have been included, and in some even "transfers." In the statement appended to the present report only those cases in which some amount was actually realized are shown. In the following comparative table however, showing the number of decrees completely and partially executed in the Regular Courts in the Lower Provinces during the past four years, and the amount realized, cases have, for the purpose of comparison, been included in which the judgment-creditor did not proceed, and which were therefore removed from the file:— Decrees executed. *See Statement G.*

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realized.
			Rs.
1874	63,380	126,201	1,21,66,380
1875	60,291	140,887	1,19,87,061
1876	65,388	158,380	1,11,12,759
1877	66,959	153,392	1,26,86,768

In the past, as compared with the previous year, there was thus an increase in the number of decrees completely executed amounting to 1,571, and a decrease of 4,988 in the number partially executed. The loss in the cyclone in 1876 of the records of the Dukhinshahbazpore Munsifee makes the increase appear to be greater than the reality; on the other hand, the inclusion of cases disposed of by transfer in some districts in previous years makes the decrease also appear greater. The provisions of the new Code of Civil Procedure, which operated in the last quarter of the year only, require a judgment-creditor, when he once takes out execution, to press his claim with due diligence. The Courts, the Judge of Backergunge remarks, are not quite so unfettered as before in giving time to the judgment-debtor. Money-lenders, he adds, have not only increased the rate of interest charged on loans, but have also made their terms more stringent. The effect of this on the returns will be to increase the number of cases in which the intervention of the Courts will be required to enforce satisfaction, and materially to reduce the number of applications for execution made merely with a view to keep decrees alive.

There was an increase of Rs. 15,74,009 in the amount realized by the Courts in the past, as compared with the previous year. The result is satisfactory, as indicative of an increase in attention to the execution files on the part of judicial officers. The following are the districts where the amount realized was greatest. In all of them, and in Dacca, Midnapore, and Moorshedabad, the increase was marked.

	Amount realized.	
	1876.	1877.
	Rs.	Rs.
Tirhoot	11,36,857	12,11,408
24-Pergunnahs	7,71,852	9,93,193
Bhaugulpore	7,94,217	9,84,131
Purneah	4,08,801	7,48,061
Patna	4,40,601	6,96,878
Backergunge	4,84,949	6,14,713

In Tirhoot and Backergunge the explanation given of the increase is, that the Courts have given more attention to the execution department. In Bhaugulpore a plentiful harvest is said to have given increased opportunities for realizing decrees.

In the following districts there was a marked decrease in the realizations, for which no reason is assigned. In Nuddea there was a considerable increase in the amount realized without execution.

	1876 Rs.	1877. Rs.
Sarun	7,22,237	5,34,902
Furreedpore	3,66,970	2,44,599
Nuddea	4,01,994	2,65,778

The total number of decrees in which realizations were effected in the past year having been 114,055, it follows that the average amount realized in each case was Rs. 111-3.

In the Courts of Small Causes the number of decrees completely executed was 5,108 in the past, compared with 4,778 in the previous year. The number partially executed was 26,754 in 1877, against 27,630 in 1876. Omitting "struck off" cases, the number partially executed in the past year was 7,829. The returns received from these Courts do not show the amount realized.

Assam

The following figures show the action taken in execution of decrees in Assam during the past three years:—

	Completely.	Partially.	Amount realized. Rs.
1875	2,963	7,351	3,01,995
1876	2,981	8,149	2,55,459
1877	2,693	7,277	2,86,883

Of the 7,277 decrees shown as partially executed, 5,478 were cases in which the judgment-creditor did not proceed, and in 1,799 cases only were partial realizations made. Including cases completely executed, the average amount realized was only Rs. 47-1, a figure much below that resulting in Bengal, as shown above. Considering the increase in the number of suits disposed of during the year, an increase in the number of applications for execution seemed probable. This followed in Sylhet and Cachar, but in the Valley Districts there was a marked decrease in the number of decrees executed. The amount realized there however, as well as in the other districts, increased considerably.

Decrees satisfied without execution

See Statement II.

In the margin is shown the number and amount of the decrees satisfied without execution in the several classes of Courts during the past two years. The total number thus settled was 16,243, against 13,321 in 1876. The amount of the claims thus satisfied has largely increased on the whole, chiefly owing to the great value of cases on the files of the Subordinate Judges. In the Courts of Judges there has been a considerable increase in the number of cases, but a decrease in their value.

	1876		1877	
	No.	Amount Rs	No.	Amount. Rs
Munsifs ...	10,644	4,35,499	13,184	4,86,782
Subordinate Judges	179	2,48,147	324	5,27,481
Small Cause Court Judges ...	2,483	86,327	2,678	89,064
Judges ...	15	36,926	57	13,857

In Assam the total number of decrees satisfied without execution in 1877 was 479, compared with 977 in 1876. The amount thus realized was Rs. 26,775 in the past, as compared with Rs. 26,416 in the previous year.

Coercive processes

The following table shows the number and nature of coercive processes issued in execution of decree during the past three years in all Courts of the Lower Provinces, except the Revenue Courts and the High Court.

Year	Imprisonment of person.	Movable property.		Immovable property.		Orders under section 243, Act VIII of 1859
		Attached	Sold.	Attached	Sold.	
1875 ...	3,058	45,368	16,224	45,656	16,030	246
1876 ...	3,537	53,719	18,847	54,894	18,828	239
1877 ...	3,922	42,744	15,559	68,911	23,681	178

The above figures show a very marked increase in the number of processes issued against immovable property, and in the number of persons impris-

oned under the orders of the Civil Courts. The number of processes against movable property have fallen off considerably, and there has been a decrease also in the number of cases in which the provisions of section 243, Act VIII of 1859, were put in force.

As the revised rules for the levy of process fees, to which allusion was made in last report, have now been sanctioned by Government and brought into force, the returns for the current year will, doubtless, show a further increase in the number of persons imprisoned for debt. The provisions of the new Code, however, relating to insolvency will provide against the continued detention of prisoners from whom little can be realized.

Sufficient experience of the working of the new provisions of Act X of 1877, relating to the management of immovable property which has been attached, has not yet been had to enable an opinion to be formed as to their usefulness. In cases where the property is sold, it is possible that a price more proportionate to its value will now be obtained, as the Code provides for the ascertainment and proclamation of the interest held in it by the judgment-debtor. An uncertainty as to the extent of the judgment-debtor's interest in the property sold has hitherto been one great cause of the inadequate price obtained. It would be too much, however, to expect any very marked change at once, as the belief that a purchase at an execution sale is only the prelude to a protracted litigation will not be easily removed, and so long as it exists, purchasers will discount beforehand the costs of litigation and chances of eventual failure.

It must, moreover, be borne in mind that the depreciation of a debtor's property was partly the result of the habitual resort to fraudulent devices for defeating creditors. It is too early yet to judge whether the new rules may not so add to the difficulty of realizing a decree for money as to bring about a sacrifice of the interests of the creditor in protecting those of the debtor and purchaser.

The number of decrees executed by possession being given was 7,636 in the past year, compared with 8,098 in 1876, and 6,221 in 1875. As shown above, there has been a decrease in the number of suits for ejectment or recovery of possession in the past year, and to this the decrease in the number of decrees executed by possession being given may in part be attributed.

Assam.

The following are the figures for Assam, corresponding with those given above for Bengal.

Year.	Imprisonment of person.	Movable property.		Immovable property.		Orders under section 243, C. P. C.
		Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	
1875 ...	115	1,003	380	1,896	705	2
1876 ...	176	1,076	415	2,395	861	1
1877 ...	134	1,047	440	2,828	1,020	1

The results differ somewhat from those in Bengal. The number of persons imprisoned has decreased, and the number of cases in which movable property was sold has increased. The increase in the number of cases in which immovable property has been proceeded against has been as marked in Assam as in Bengal. The number of decrees executed by possession being given has increased slightly, the figures being 965 cases in 1877, against 926 in 1876.

Original miscellaneous cases.

The number of original miscellaneous cases of a judicial nature instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Regular Courts in Bengal and Assam respectively during the past two years were as follows:— *See Statement 1.*

		Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
Bengal ...	1876 ...	... 46,562	46,346	8,324
	1877 ...	... 46,798	46,441	8,594
Assam ...	1876 ...	... 2,020	2,006	293
	1877 ...	... 1,930	1,893	298

In the above statement the figures given for 1876 do not agree with those given in last report, some of the returns on which that was based having been found to be erroneous. It appears that, while there has been a slight increase in the number of cases arising in Bengal, there has been a decrease in Assam. The latter is due entirely to a falling off in the business of the Courts in the Valley Districts, there having been an increase in Sylhet and Cachar. In neither province have the disposals quite kept pace with the institutions, but the increase in the pending files is not material.

The following figures, taken from Statement Q, show in what proportion the original cases decided during the past two years were distributed among the Courts of the several grades in the Lower Provinces :—

	Contested.		Uncontested.	
	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
District and Additional Judges ...	100	146	53	50
Subordinate Judges	2,323	2,237	2,285	2,629
Munsifs	79,767	80,853	212,245	219,653
Small Cause Courts	9,856	10,307	37,796	39,567

Average duration of cases. *See Statement Q.*

The following are the general results showing the average duration of cases, contested and uncontested, before the several grades of Courts :—

	District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.
Contested	6	0	6	6	2	20	1	10
Uncontested	5	9	2	10	1	11	0	18

Cases have, it appears, been more promptly disposed of in 1877 than in the previous year in the Courts of District Judges and of Munsifs. The decrease in the average duration of contested cases in the Courts of the latter officers is particularly satisfactory. In the Courts of Subordinate Judges and of Small Cause Court Judges the results have not been so good as in the previous year, but in the former the falling off has been trifling.

Assam.

In Assam the number of cases disposed of and the average duration of cases during the past year were as follows :—

	Number of cases.		Average duration.			
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.		Uncontested.	
			M.	D.	M.	D.
Judges	7	17	2	23	1	20
Subordinate Judges	233	432	2	16	1	1
Munsifs	5,747	14,453	2	8	1	8

Comparing with the results given for Bengal above, it appears that in Assam the cases before the Judges and Subordinate Judges were very rapidly disposed of. There was a difference, also, in favour of Assam in the Courts of Munsifs. It must be remembered, however, that in that Province there are no separate Small Cause Courts to attract away petty cases of the class which is most easily disposed of.

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

Small Cause Courts. *See Statements O and OO.*

In Statement A, and in some of the succeeding statements, the business arising in the Courts of Small Causes in the mofussil has been included. The usual statements are, however, appended, showing separately and in greater detail the cases instituted and disposed of in these Courts. A new statement, O2, has also on this occasion been prepared, showing in the same manner the cases dealt with by officers exercising Small Cause Court powers, up to Rs. 50 in value, under Act VI of 1871. In the preceding statements these cases are included in the figures given for suits of the Small Cause Court class disposed of by the Regular Courts.

The number of Small Cause Courts was the same in the past as in the preceding year. It will, however, be observed that the Dinapore Court, which used to be presided over by the Judge of the Cantonment Court of Small Causes, has been replaced under the Subordinate Judge of Patna, who is also Small Cause Court Judge of that city. The only other change made in the course of the year under review is, that the Judge of the Small Cause Court at Jessore was vested with the powers of a Subordinate Judge, in order that he might devote his spare time to assisting in the disposal of regular suits.

The total number of suits instituted in the Small Cause Courts was 49,443 in the past, compared with 47,423 in the previous year. There was thus an

increase, on the whole, of 2,020 suits. The Courts in which the increase was greatest are shown in the margin. The largest amount of business continues to flow into the Courts of the Magoora Circle, where no less than 7,360 suits were instituted in the past, against 6,700 in the previous year. The Dacca Circle, with 5,661 cases, again comes second on the list, and Jessore and the Kooshtea Circle follow, with 5,102 and 4,755 cases respectively. In the Courts at Bhaugulpore, Berhampore, and Darjeeling there was a decrease in the number of suits filed.

	Increase.
Magoora group ...	660
Backergunge ...	520
Cuttack ...	489
Dacca ...	460

The subjoined table shows the number of cases instituted during each of the past four years in the principal Courts and Circles:—

	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
Magoora, &c.	5,684	6,699	6,700	7,360
Dacca and Moonsheegunge ...	2,410	4,340	5,201	5,661
Jessore	4,236	4,810	5,194	5,102
Kooshtea, &c.	3,935	5,262	4,723	4,755
Kishnaghur, &c.	3,788	4,771	4,443	4,693
Sealdah	3,681	4,264	4,397	4,380
Hooghly, &c.	2,127	2,967	3,627	3,783
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr ...	3,112	3,768	3,592	3,406
Furreedpore and Bhangah ...	1,955	1,991	1,605	1,648

The increase of business in the Dacca and Hooghly Circles since 1874 is very noticeable. In Dacca, however, a new Court (that of Moonsheegunge) has grown into a tribunal much resorted to, whereas the Courts of the Hooghly Circle are unaltered.

The total number of suits disposed of in the Small Cause Courts was 49,874 in the past, compared with 49,443 in the previous year. There was thus an increase of 431 in the number of cases decided. In few Courts did the work done fall short of the work coming in, and on the whole the number of cases disposed of exceeded the number of cases instituted by 431. The pending files were reduced from 2,552 cases at the beginning of the year to 2,385 at its close. In no Court were there any arrears of long standing. Of the 49,874 cases disposed of, 10,307, or 20·7 per cent., were contested cases. In the different Courts the proportion varied much; in Midnapore only 16 per cent. of the cases being contested ones, while at Sealdah the ratio was 26·5 per cent. *See Statement O2.*

The total number of officers who at the close of 1877 exercised Small Cause Court powers in cases up to Rs. 50 in value in the Lower Provinces of Bengal was 49, of whom one was a Subordinate Judge, and the rest were Munsifs. Twenty-two of these officers exercised these powers *ex-officio*. To the rest the powers were personal. The whole number of cases instituted during the year which were dealt with under the summary procedure by these officers was 29,933, out of a total of 130,076 cases of the Small Cause Court class shown in Statement D to have been instituted in the Regular Civil Courts. The whole number of cases disposed of summarily was 30,730. Of these, 5,450, or 17·7 per cent. only, were contested. The extension of the powers of Munsifs under section 29, Act VI of 1871, to cases of the value of Rs. 100 is recommended. The extended powers, if granted, would be conferred only on specially selected officers.

Assam. In Assam the Subordinate Judge of Sylhet is the only officer vested with Small Cause Court powers. By virtue of them, he disposed of 455 cases, 120 of which were contested.

Figures have already been given showing the number of decrees completely and partially executed by the Courts of Small Causes. It seems proper, however, to observe in this place that the usefulness of these Courts is likely to be interfered with by the new Code of Civil Procedure; one result of the introduction of which has been to put an end to the practice formerly in force, whereby a decree might be sent to another district for realization by the attachment and sale of a judgment-debtor's movable property. This may not, in many cases, be within the jurisdiction of the Court which passed the decree, and the change is likely to cause the more inconvenience, seeing that, by the repeal of section 8, Act XI of 1865, Small Cause Courts are now given exclusive jurisdiction in cases of certain kinds, even though at the time of bringing the suit the defendant does not dwell, or carry on business, within the local limits of the Court's jurisdiction.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

IV—THE HIGH COURT.

I.—Appeals under section 15, Letters Patent.

Appeals arising within the High Court.

Under section 15 of the Letters Patent, an appeal is allowed in civil cases (1) from the judgment of a Judge of the High Court sitting singly, and (2) from the judgment of a division bench when the Judges are equally divided in opinion. Under the existing practice of the Court, a single Judge sits to determine (1) civil suits on the Original Side of the Court, and (2) second appeals on the Appellate Side of the Court, when the value in dispute does not exceed Rs. 50.

Original Side

In the past year 38 appeals were preferred from the decisions of Judges sitting singly on the Original Side of the Court. Sixteen of these appeals were decided in the presence of both parties. In one case the judgment of the Court of first instance was reversed. In 13 it was confirmed. In 2 cases an order of remand was passed.

Appellate Side.

The number of appeals preferred during the past year from the decisions of Judges sitting singly on the Appellate Side of the Court was 141. In 1876 the number was 152, and in 1875 it was 126. The number of such appeals decided on trial during the past year was 148. In 119 cases the decision of the single Judge was upheld, in 18 cases it was reversed, and in 1 modified. An order of remand was passed in 7 cases.

It has been explained above that, under the existing practice, the value in dispute in these cases never exceeds Rs. 50. In the past year it exceeded Rs. 25 in 38 cases only. In 57 out of the 106 cases remaining it did not exceed Rs. 10. It is evident that these petty cases occupy a share of the Court's attention quite out of proportion to their importance. In the case of one regular appeal valued at Rs. 2,700, the Judges composing the division bench differed in opinion, and an appeal was preferred to the Court at large. This had not been decided at the close of the year under review.

II.—Appeals, Regular, Special, and Miscellaneous, from the decisions of Courts in the interior (including those in Assam).

Appeals from Courts in the interior
See Statement X.

	Filed		Decided	
	1876	1877	1876.	1877
Regular	261	258	254	253
Special	152	104	157	135
TOTAL .	413	362	411	388

In miscellaneous cases the number of first and second appeals filed and decided in the High Court during the first year exhibits a decrease, which, as shown in the margin, occurred chiefly in the latter class of appeals.

The number of miscellaneous orders made in and out of Court was 2,731, against 2,444 in 1876.

In the table in the margin the figures are abstracted, showing the number of first and second appeals in regular suits filed and decided in the High Court during the past two years, as well as the number of criminal appeals instituted and disposed of during the same period. A slight decrease is observable in the number of regular appeals filed, as compared with 1876, but the number is in excess of those filed in 1875. Special appeals, too, have fallen off somewhat in number. This decrease has been gradual since 1874. The number of regular appeals disposed of in 1877 was somewhat less than the number instituted. As regards special appeals, however, the contrary result happened. The number of these cases disposed of in 1877 exceeded

	Filed		Decided.	
	1876	1877	1876	1877
Regular appeals .	367	343	313	294
Special appeals .	2,945	2,658	2,799	3,731
Criminal cases .	1,210	1,107	1,183	1,139
TOTAL ..	4,522	4,108	4,295	5,164

the number disposed of in the previous year by 932. The number of days on which sittings were held was 251, compared with 241 in the previous year.

The following statement compares more in detail the work which has come before the High Court on the Appellate Side for the past four years. A table is also annexed showing, as usual, the number of Judges present at the commencement of each month during the last three years.

	Filed.				Disposed of.			
	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.
I.—Regular appeals	348	329	367	343	313	266	313	294
References to the Full Bench ...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	1
Appeals to Court at large (section 15 of Letters Patent) ...	...	...	.	1	1	...	...	...
Reviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
II.—Special appeals	3,225	2,966	2,945	2,658	2,844	2,326	2,799	3,371
References to the Full Bench ...	7	5	3	7	7	6	3	8
Appeals to Court at large ...	83	121	152	144	78	70	139	153
Reviews	9	11	...	5	5	14	2	4
III.—Miscellaneous—								
Regular appeals	352	265	261	259	215	357	254	254
Special appeals	183	135	152	104	168	128	157	135
References to the Full Bench ...	2	...	1	1	2	...	...	2
Appeals to Court at large ...	5	...	...	...	3	2	...	...
Reviews	1	...	2	1	1	...	...	3
VII.—Criminal cases	1,368	1,159	1,210	1,107	1,444	1,154	1,183	1,139

Number of Judges present on the 1st of each month.

	1875.				1876.				1877.			
	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.
January	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11	5	6	...	11
February	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11	5	6	1*a*	12
March	4	6	1	11	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
April	4	6	1	11	5	6	1	12	5*b*	6*c*	1	12
May	4	6	1	11	4	7	1	12	5	6	1	12
June	4	6	1	11	4	7	1	12	5	6	1	12
July	4	6	1	11	4	6	1	11	5	5*d*	1	11
August	4	6	1	11	5	4	1	10	5	5	1	11
September	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10	5	6*e*	1	12
October	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10	4*f*	5*g*	1	10
November	4	5	1	10	5	6	1*k*	12	4	6*h*	1	11
December	4	6	1	11	5	6	...	11	4*i*	6	1	11

a Mr. Justice Mitter resumed his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 15th January 1877.
b Mr. Justice Pontifex availed himself of furlough for 8 months on the 4th April 1877. Mr. Justice Pitt-Kennedy took his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 7th April 1877.
c Mr. Justice Kemp availed himself of furlough for 4 months on the 13th April 1877. Mr. Justice Prinsep took his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 13th April 1877.
d Mr. Justice Morris availed himself of furlough on medical certificate from the 12th June 1877 to the 17th September 1877. Mr. Justice Birch availed himself of two months' privilege leave on the 18th July 1877. Mr. Justice Lawford took his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 18th July 1877.
e Mr. Justice Kemp resumed his seat on the 14th August 1877.
f Mr. Justice Macpherson retired on the 1st October 1877.
g The services of Messrs. H. T. Prinsep and H. B. Lawford were replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bengal from the 17th September 1877. Mr. Justice Morris resumed his seat on the 15th September 1877.
h Mr. Justice Birch resumed his seat on the 19th November 1877.
i Mr. Justice Pontifex resumed his seat on the 13th December 1877.

The following statement shows the state of the appeal files of the High Court from year to year since its constitution.

Number of Civil appeals pending at the close of the years 1862 to 1877.

	Regular.	Special.	Miscellaneous.		Regular.	Special.	Miscellaneous.
1862 ...	1,146	4,382	342	1870 ...	202	1,433	168
1863 ...	487	2,927	403	1871 ...	204	751	115
1864 ...	340	2,104	216	1872 ...	290	1,636	119
1865 ...	252	1,325	257	1873 ...	346	2,207	153
1866 ...	338	1,471	278	1874 ...	381	2,588	305
1867 ...	348	2,369	296	1875 ...	444	3,228	220
1868 ...	219	1,738	173	1876 ...	498	3,374	222
1869 ...	223	1,324	201	1877 ...	547	2,301	1,967

While there has been a slight increase in the pending file of regular appeals, which have been increasing steadily since 1871, the number of special appeals undisposed of has been very largely reduced, while a slight reduction has also been effected in the number of miscellaneous appeals pending.

Appeals to the Queen in Council.

The following statement shows the total number of appeals to the Queen in Council which have been filed in the High Court, on its Appellate Side, since the Court was constituted, and the manner in which the petitions of appeal disposed of have been dealt with.

Year.	Total number of appeals filed.				Appeals struck off, compromised, &c.				Despatched to England.			
	Regular appeals		Special.	Miscellaneous.	Regular appeals		Special.	Miscellaneous.	Regular appeals		Special.	Miscellaneous.
	above 10,000 Rs.	below 10,000 Rs.			above 10,000 Rs.	below 10,000 Rs.			above 10,000 Rs.	below 10,000 Rs.		
1862* ...	9	3	3	...	2	3	3	...	7	...	...	...
1863 ...	76	17	4	...	32	10	2	...	44	7	2	...
1864 ...	98	22	10	1	49	16	9	1	49	6	1	...
1865 ...	58	13	11	2	21	10	6	1	37	3	5	1
1866 ...	47	12	7	5	16	7	4	3	31	5	3	2
1867 ...	30	11	54	2	15	3	2	1	15	8	52	1
1868 ...	40	15	9	5	16	8	7	1	24	7	2	4
1869 ...	38	4	1	3	7	1	...	2	31	3	1	1
1870 ...	29	13	4	10	5	7	2	7	24	6	2	3
1871 ...	16	7	6	2	2	3	3	2	14	4	3	...
1872 ...	11	8	6	6	2	5	5	6	9	3	1	...
1873 ...	24	10	8	4	9	8	6	1	15	2	2	2
1874 ...	28	15	17	11	7	9	14	10	21	6	3	1
1875 ...	24	9	6	4	12	4	5	1	12	5	1	3
1876 ...	19	21	6	5	13	11	2	4	4	7	2	1
1877 ...	29	18	6	12	7	2	5	4	...	...	...	1
Total...	576	198	158	72	215	107	75	44	337	72	80	20

* Six months (July to December).

Of 1,004 petitions of appeal filed during the past 15½ years, 441 were struck off, compromised, &c., and 509 were despatched to England. Fifty-four cases were pending preparation and despatch at the close of 1877.

Complete statistics are not available to show how the cases transmitted to England were dealt with there. The following table shows the result of appeals to the Privy Council in cases in which the judgment has been received during the past five years.

Year.	Judgments received from Privy Council.	Decision of the Court affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.
1873	49	34	11	4	...
1874	20	9	9	2	...
1875	26	14	5	6	1
1876	14	10	2	2	...
1877	11	7	...	3	1
Total ...	120	74	27	17	2

It is known, however, that during these years sixteen other cases have been dismissed by the Privy Council for want of prosecution, and eleven others have been compromised here.

Districts and divisions from which appeals came.
See Statement Y.

In Statement Y the usual detail is given showing from what districts the business, civil and criminal, brought before the High Court came. It will be observed that more than one-half of the civil appeals, regular, special and miscellaneous, came from the Patna, Bhaugulpore and Dacca Divisions. Of the 343 regular appeals filed, 108 exceeded Rs. 10,000 in value. Of the 2,658 special appeals filed, 1,001 did not exceed Rs. 50 in value. The Patna Division is remarkable for the large proportion of cases of high value coming from it, and for the large number of miscellaneous appeals filed.

Assam.

The business coming from Assam is not great, as shown by the following figures indicating the number of appeals of each class filed during each of the past two years:—

	1876.	1877.
Regular appeals	8	7
Special appeals	119	121
Miscellaneous appeals	10	6

The usual statement is appended showing for Bengal and Assam the result of appeal and of revision in the High Court. The following table shows, separately for Judges and Subordinate Judges, the percentage of cases heard in which their decisions were affirmed, or were reversed or modified :— **Result of appeals** *See Statement Z*

	Affirmed.		Modified or reversed.	
	Judges.	Subordinate Judges	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.
Regular appeals ...	49·17	63·35	25·26	29·81
Special appeals ...	75·8	79·47	10·8	9·7
Miscellaneous appeals ...	72·3	74·8	16·0	14·1

The general result appears to be unfavourable to District Judges. As will be observed from the statement however, the number of regular appeals from the decisions of these officers is comparatively small. The percentage of remands, which is not included in the above figures, was large. It is explained by the fact that in Hooghly 21 out of 22 cases, where a retrial was ordered, were analogous cases. Ten out of the 17 decisions reversed were in cases from two districts, East Burdwan and Dacca. In 7 cases from Beerbhoom, on the contrary, the decision was reversed in one only. In some other districts in all the cases that were decided, the decision of the Lower Court was upheld.

Assam. In the statement above the figures relating to Assam are included. These are, however, also separately shown in the Appendix to this Report, from which it appears that the decision of the Lower Court was reversed or varied in 3 regular, 26 special, and 2 miscellaneous appeals, the whole number of each class decided on trial being 9 regular, 145 special, and 4 miscellaneous appeals.

V.—APPELLATE COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals instituted. *See Statement J.* The number of appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Courts in the interior of the Lower Provinces during the past three years was as follows :—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1875	19,830	20,677	9,484
1876	20,422	20,966	9,449
1877	20,147	19,653	10,562

In the past year, as compared with the previous one, there was accordingly a decrease in the number of appeals instituted and in the number of cases disposed of, and an increase in the number pending at the close of the year.

The decrease in the number of cases instituted (275) is more than accounted for in the one district of Midnapore, where the number of appeals filed fell from 974 in 1876 to 669 in the past year. The explanation given is, that in 1876 there were 153 analogous appeals, which appeared twice in the returns. In Mymensingh, Furreedpore and Backergunge, taken together, there was a decrease of 357 in the number of appeals filed. Similarly, in Tipperah, Noacolly and Chittagong there was a decrease of 468 cases. In Backergunge the decrease is attributed to affairs in the Dukhinshahbazpore sub-division being in an unsettled state after the cyclone. In Chittagong the increased efficiency of the judicial staff is assigned as being partly the cause of a similar result.

The following are the districts where there was a marked increase in the number of appeals during the past year :—

	1875.	1876.	1877.
Burdwan, East	855	895	1,027
Moorshedabad	314	384	514
Rajshahye	674	578	662
Sarun	678	1,031	1,121
Tirhoot	647	750	1,214
Bhaugulpore	1,316	877	1,183

The increase was most marked in the districts of the Patna Division, north of the Ganges. In Tirhoot, where it amounted to 62 per cent., the fact must be taken in connection with the large increase of 1,811 in the number of original cases disposed of in the past year. In Bhaugulpore also, where a new Munsifee

having been opened at Banka during the year, there was an increase in the number of original suits disposed of by the Regular Courts, but in the other districts mentioned a similar reason cannot be given for the increase in the number of appeals filed.

Disposed of.

The decrease in the number of appeals instituted was accompanied by a decrease in the number disposed of, which extended to some districts where there was no falling off in the business coming before the Courts. For instance, in Jessore, where 913 appeals were filed, compared with 867 in the previous year, the number of cases disposed of was 595 only in 1877, against 820 in 1876. In this district, sessions are heavy, and the Judge can afford proportionately little time to civil work. In Patna the decrease in the number of appeals was nominal, but the number of cases disposed of fell from 881 in 1876 to 451 in 1877. The second Subordinate Judge of this district has been deputed to Tirhoot, and the work is more than can be disposed of conveniently with the assistance of one Subordinate Judge only. In Gya there has been an increase in the work done. This is in part due to the fact already mentioned, that it was found possible to give the Judge temporarily the assistance of a second Subordinate Judge.

The only other districts in which there was an increase in the number of cases disposed of in 1877 were those mentioned above as showing an increase in institutions, omitting Sarun. To these must be added the districts of Rungpore and Furreedpore.

Long-pending appeals.

As has already been pointed out in connection with Statement B, there has been a large increase in the number of long-pending appeals. This has occurred chiefly in the districts of the Patna Division and in Midnapore and Jessore. The ratio per cent. of such cases to the whole number pending was 2·9 per cent. in 1877, against 1·8 in the previous year. This result is not satisfactory; it is better, however, than in 1875, when the ratio was 4·15 per cent.

District where appeals were most numerous.

Now that Noacolly has been separated from Tipperah, in no district in the Lower Provinces of Bengal are so many as 1,500 appeals filed. The districts where last year more than 1,000 were instituted were Tipperah, Tirhoot, Bhaugulpore, 24-Pergunnahs and Burdwan East.

The district where last year the largest number of appeals was disposed of was Bhaugulpore, with 1,367 cases. Next in order came Chittagong, with 1,274 cases. Then the other districts named above follow in order.

Ratio of appeals to decisions.
See Statement K.

In last year's report it was shown that the ratio of appeals to decisions in contested cases disposed of on the merits was nearly as one to four in 1875 and 1876. The ratio was slightly less in the latter than in the former year. In 1877 this decline continued, and the ratio was 24·33 per cent. Including regular appeals to the High Court, the ratio was a little greater, or 24·75 per cent. As usual, the districts of Behar, excepting Purneah, return a very large proportion of appeals to original decisions. In Sarun the ratio was as high as 64·02 per cent.; in Patna it was 49·14 per cent.; and in Gya, 42·62 per cent. Outside Behar, the only districts where the ratio exceeded 25 per cent. were Burdwan East, Midnapore, Hooghly, Tipperah, Cuttack and Chota Nagpore. Moorshedabad and Dinagepore are again among the districts where appeals were proportionately least frequent.

Appeals instituted, 1872—1876.
See Statement L.

In Statement L will be found the usual comparative table of appeals instituted during the past five years. The proportion in which they were instituted in ordinary civil and in rent cases during the past three years was as follows:—

	1875.	1876.	1877.
Civil appeals	11,430	11,736	10,660
Revenue appeals	8,400	8,686	9,487
TOTAL	19,830	20,422	20,147

In this statement rent cases in Orissa and Chota Nagpore are not included, as there the appeals were disposed of by the Revenue Courts.

Omitting from consideration 914 cases which did not come to trial and are entered as "otherwise disposed of," the manner in which the balance of 18,739 decisions of the Lower Courts was dealt with on appeal is shown on the margin. The figures given do not include the High Court. The following comparative table shows the percentage of decisions confirmed, modified, &c., during the past three years:—

Appeals how disposed of. *See Statement M.*

Confirmed	11,880
Modified	1,966
Reversed	3,841
Remanded	1,052

	1875.	1876.	1877.
Confirmed	62·42	66·0	63·39
Modified	7·81	8·3	10·5
Reversed	23·72	21·6	20·5
Remanded	6·05	4·1	5·6

From the above it appears that the proportion of cases in which the decision of the Lower Court was reversed has somewhat diminished; so has the ratio of those confirmed. The increase has been under the heads "modified" and "remanded." In Tirhoot a single decision ruled 373 analogous cases, which were remanded. Were these deducted, the total number of cases remanded in the Lower Provinces would be 679 in 1877, against 787 in 1876, and the corresponding ratios would be 3·6 per cent. last year, against 4·1 per cent. in the previous year. The districts where remands have been most frequent are Tirhoot, Sarun, Bhaugulpore, Rungpore and Jessore. The districts where the proportion of decisions reversed on appeal was exceptionally high were—Midnapore, 30 per cent.; Mymensingh, 28 per cent., and Rajshahye, 27 per cent. The districts where it was exceptionally low were Moorshedabad, 5·9 per cent., and Tirhoot, 8·4 per cent. In the former district the number of cases (240) where the decree of the Lower Court was modified was very large.

Assam. The number of appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in Assam during the past three years (excluding the Revenue Courts) was as follows:—

	1875.	1876.	1877.
Instituted	1,713	1,512	1,206
Disposed of	1,461	1,617	1,327
Pending	525	431	334

The above figures indicate a large decrease in the business of the Appellate Courts of Assam. This extended to Sylhet and Cachar as well as to the Valley Districts, but was most marked in the latter. The Judge remarks that in the Valley Districts the cases are usually of a simple nature, and the grounds taken on appeal often not sustainable. He finds it necessary to check frivolous applications to his Court, by refusing to interfere with the judgment of the Lower Courts, except on very good grounds. As regards the Courts of Deputy Commissioners, there was an increase in the number of appeals in Kamrup, Seebsaugor, and Lakhimpur, and a decrease in the remaining districts. The decrease in Cachar may, as suggested by the Deputy Commissioner, be due to a decrease in the number of original cases disposed of. A similar explanation may apply to Sylhet, where there was a decrease in the number of original suits tried on their merits.

The Appellate Courts having fewer cases to deal with, the pending files have been considerably reduced. In Sylhet there were four appeals of over one year's standing pending at the close of the year. These were cases remanded from the High Court, and were not ripe for decision before the new year commenced.

The ratio of appeals in Assam to original cases decided on the merits was 20·14 per cent. in the past, as compared with 23·12 per cent. in the previous year. In Sylhet the ratio was 22·14 per cent., and in Cachar only 14·07 per cent. The great distance of the Judge's Court from some of the Valley Districts may be an obstacle to presenting appeals in many cases. In Cachar, however, where they are the least frequent, the Deputy Commissioner is the District Judge.

The manner in which appeals decided on a hearing were disposed of in Assam is shown in the following table:—

	Number.		Percentage.	
	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
Confirmed	1,137	903	71·4	69·78
Modified	126	100	7·9	7·73
Reversed	276	255	17·3	19·7
Remanded	55	36	3·4	2·79

The proportion of cases in which the decision of the Lower Court was reversed has increased. In the Valley Districts the ratio was 24·2 per cent., while in Sylhet it was 15·5 per cent. It is satisfactory to observe that but few cases have been remanded on appeal. In Sylhet 1·6 per cent. only were so dealt with.

Appeals disposed of, classed, and valued.

In the following table are shown the number and value of the appeals of the several classes disposed of during the past year in the Courts of District and Subordinate Judges of the Lower Provinces.

		Small Cause Court class	Rent suits	"Other" class	Total	
					Number	Value
	Rs					Rs
Not exceeding ...	10	222	2 369	775	3,366	18,686
" " ..	50	985	3,505	2,391	6,881	1,93,949
" " .	100	993	1,368	1,579	3,940	2 94,879
" "	500	948	1,129	2,142	4,219	8,80,201
" "	1,000	55	138	489	682	4,73,753
" "	5,000	27	48	351	426	8,61,132
Total { Number .		3,230	8 557	7,727	19,514	
Total { Value, Rs ..		3,87,393	6,00,726	17,34 481	.	27,22,600

It thus appears that of the whole number of appeals disposed of, 14,187, or 72·7 per cent., did not exceed Rs. 100 in value. In the margin is shown separately for each class the percentage of such appeals. The proportion of rent suits of high value is, as might be expected, very small, while it is very high as regards "other" suits. Including all classes, the average value of an appeal was Rs. 139; separately it was Rs. 71 in rent suits, Rs. 120 in Small Cause Court class cases, and Rs. 224 in "other" cases.

	Percentage
Small Cause Court class ..	68 1
Rent suits	84 6
"Other" class	61 4

Assam

The following table contains the figures for Assam, corresponding to those given above for the Lower Provinces :—

		Small Cause Court class	Rent suits	"Other" class	Total	
					Number	Value
	Rs.					Rs
Not exceeding	10	60	46	91	197	1,210
" "	50	293	38	205	536	15,122
" " .	100	165	8	103	276	20,285
" " ...	500	140	7	116	263	58,220
" " .	1,000	19		13	32	22,744
" " .	5,000	7		11	18	36,790
Total { Number .		684	99	539	1,322	
Total { Value, Rs		79,204	2,937	72,230		1,54,371

The proportion of cases of small values is greater (76·3 per cent.) than in Bengal. The average value of each appeal was Rs. 116 only.

Appeals in miscellaneous cases *See Statement N*

The number of appeals in miscellaneous cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Lower Provinces and Assam, respectively, during the past two years was as follows :—

		Instituted.	Disposed of	Pending
Bengal	1876	1,701	1,632	949
	1877 ...	1,652	1,916	700
Assam ..	1876	107	100	37
	1877	64	76	18

In both provinces miscellaneous appeals have fallen off. The decrease is most marked in the Valley Districts in Assam, and in Nuddea and Rajshahye in Bengal. In Mymensingh, Tipperah, Chittagong and Gya, these appeals have considerably increased. In both provinces the pending files have been much reduced, the number of cases disposed of having exceeded the number instituted. In Gya, Rajshahye and Nuddea, where in last report the pending files were shown to be heavy, the number of cases awaiting disposal at the end of the year under review was inconsiderable.

VI.—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE, PERSONNEL, &c.

The following table shows the work done by District Judges during the past three years:— **Work done by District Judges.** *See Statement P1*

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous regular cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1875	3,859	2,568	239	8,479	7,577	1,595	1,379	3,365
1876	4,124	2,491	185	8,841	8,343	1,479	1,252	3,281
1877 ..	4,301	2,529	189	8,565	8,170	1,661	1,293	3,249

It will be observed that an increased proportion of the time of the Judges has been devoted to civil work. This was more particularly the case in Moorshedabad, Rungpore, East Burdwan, and Sarun. In Dinagepore, Furreedpore, and Tirhoot there was an increase in the time allotted to criminal work. The only districts where the District Judges decided more than a dozen original suits were the same as in the previous year, *viz.*, Burdwan, East and West, and Beerbhoom. In Midnapore only 2 suits were disposed of by the Judge, but these involved a value exceeding 27 lakhs, and occupied his time for seven weeks. Gya returns no original suit decided by the Judge, much of whose time has, however, been taken up in hearing a few suits of very large value, which were not disposed of at the end of the year.

Miscellaneous regular cases continue to form one of the most important of the branches of business which come before the District Judges. In some districts there has been a very rapid increase of this class of work. In the 24-Pergunnahs 1,037 cases were disposed of in 1877, against 543 in the previous year; in Patna 757, against 636. In Bhaugulpore, Gya, Rungpore, and Moorshedabad also there was an increase, while in Beerbhoom, Dinagepore, and Mymensingh there was a decrease, of cases of this kind decided.

Notwithstanding the addition of Noacolly to the list of districts, the number of regular appeals disposed of by District Judges has decreased. But an increase has occurred in the number of miscellaneous appeals dealt with by them. The number of regular appeals disposed of by the Judge has increased greatly in Tirhoot, Moorshedabad, East Burdwan, and Bhaugulpore; it has, on the contrary, decreased greatly in West Burdwan, Dinagepore, Hooghly, Jessore, Patna, and the 24-Pergunnahs. In Dinagepore, where 14 appeals only were disposed of in 1877, against 226 in the previous year, the sessions are said to have been unusually heavy, and to have occupied much of the Judge's time. The number of criminal cases disposed of, however, was little in excess of the number disposed of in the previous year.

The only districts where the Judge disposed of more than 100 miscellaneous appeals were East Burdwan, Tipperah, and Mymensingh. In the district last mentioned 162 cases were decided, against 82 in the previous year.

The following statement shows the amount of civil and of criminal work done by Additional Judges during the past three years:— **Work done by Additional Judges.** *See Statement P2.*

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous regular cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1875 ..	621	199	32	308	1,231	11	130	72
1876 ...	505	424	18	495	1,015	111	297	72
1877 ...	334	340	7	345	635	228	183	72

The Additional Judge of Tipperah having been made District Judge of Noacolly, the work done by him after effect was given to the change does not appear in the above statement. This, to some extent, accounts for the decrease shown in the amount of work done. In Rajshahye the Additional Judge gave material assistance in reducing the file of miscellaneous appeals. In the 24-Pergunnahs the Additional Judge disposed of a fair share of regular appeals.

The amount of work done by Subordinate Judges during the past three years was as follows:— **Work done by Subordinate Judges.** *See Statement P3.*

	Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Appeals.	
			Regular.	Miscellaneous.
1875	3,774	13,145	11,773	55
1876	4,608	14,155	11,638	35
1877	4,866	13,860	10,848	27

The number of original suits disposed of has again increased, while the number of regular appeals decided has decreased considerably. The largest number of original cases (660) was, as in the previous year, decided by the Subordinate Judge of Dinagepore, who exercises Small Cause Court powers in petty cases. The First Subordinate Judges of Bhaugulpore, Tirhoot, and Patna rank next in order as regards the number of original suits disposed of. In Cuttack the Subordinate Judge has the powers of a Munsif. He disposed of only one Munsif's case, however. The only Subordinate Judges who disposed of more than 500 regular appeals were the First Subordinate Judges of Chittagong, Bhaugulpore, and Tipperah, the Second Subordinate Judge of Mymensingh, and the Subordinate Judge of Jessore. The number of such appeals decided was particularly small in the case of the Subordinate Judges of Cuttack, Moorshedabad, and Patna.

Work done by Munsifs.
See Statement P4.

The figures given in the margin show the number of suits and of miscellaneous cases disposed of by Munsifs during the past three years. The work done by the Extra Munsifs, who, as stated above, were temporarily employed to assist in reducing the files, is included in the statement.

	Suits.	Miscellaneous.
1875 ...	271,228	218,100
1876 ...	293,594	242,648
1877 ...	300,506	239,787

In Bhaugulpore a new Munsifee was established in the course of the year under review at Banka, with results which have led the Court to advise Government to make the arrangement permanent. The question of making a further permanent addition to the staff of Munsifs, which was dwelt on in last report, is still under the consideration of Government. There is a difficulty in providing the whole cost of the increased establishment without reducing somewhat the existing grades of Munsifs. The Government of Bengal has, however, intimated its willingness to bear an extra charge of one lakh of rupees; and a scheme has been submitted for the approval of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor. During the past year the former practice was adhered to, of appointing acting Munsifs for short periods to stations where the files were found to be getting unmanageable.

The only Munsifs who disposed of more than 3,000 regular suits were those shown in the margin. As the figures given in Statement P4 do not distinguish between contested and uncontested cases, or between cases of a simple nature and those involving questions of title, they cannot be accepted as an exact guide to show at what stations assistance is most required. This matter was, however, fully discussed in the extracts from the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jackson's Minute, given in last report.

Bhanga (2nd)	3,380
Khoolna	3,005
Nemal	3,362
Begumgunge	3,898

As the figures representing miscellaneous cases disposed of include all proceedings in execution of decrees, they will not agree with the figures given in Statement I. They indicate, however, that, in addition to the trial of regular suits, a very large amount of business, occupying much time and attention, has to be got through by the Munsifs, who have also to devote much time to accounts and to the supervision of their office,—a branch of duty which does not always receive all the attention it deserves. The Court must, however, in justice to these officers, state that many of them have more business to get through than can be properly attended to by one man. This state of things will be remedied when the additional establishment is sanctioned and at work. The Court hopes that the new arrangements may be completed within the current year.

On the question of providing Court-houses for Munsifs of an improved description, the following extract is reproduced from last report:—

"The condition of the buildings in which Munsifs, as a rule, are required to hold their Courts has formed a subject of repeated representation to Government. A prospect was held out by the late Lieutenant-Governor of something being done with a view to introduce an improved style of Court-houses gradually, and to provide immediately a secure place for the custody of the valuable records, which now lie exposed in almost every Munsifee in the country to all the dangers incidental to the use of thatched buildings. So far as the Court, however, is aware, nothing whatever has yet been done towards carrying out the contemplated improvements. All that can be said on the subject has already been urged, and the Court trusts that a final decision as to whether any action is possible will be arrived at speedily."

So far as the Court is aware, nothing has yet been done in the matter; it is said to be under consideration by the Government of Bengal in the Public

Works Department; meanwhile, by the burning of one Court-house in Chota Nagpore, of three in Chittagong, and of all the Civil Courts in Julpigoree, additional instances have been afforded of the urgent need there is for protecting the records of the Courts from the risk of destruction, which in the first and last instances have probably been effected wilfully by incendiaries.

Assam. In Assam the manner in which the original cases decided were distributed between the several grades of Courts was as follows:—

	Original suits.		Miscellaneous cases.	
	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
Judges	16	24	554	424
Subordinate Judges ...	756	665	533	554
Munsifs	19,073	20,200	7,170	8,487

Civil Court Ameens. *See Statement U.* In addition to original work, the Subordinate Judges disposed of 845 regular and 19 miscellaneous appeals last year. The District Judges disposed of 482 of the former and 57 of the latter, besides holding 91 sessions trials and deciding 217 criminal appeals.

The receipts and disbursements on account of Ameens during the past two years were as follows:—

		Permanent Ameens. Rs.	Temporary Ameens. Rs.
1876 ...	Receipts	41,607	1,520
	Disbursements	41,843	1,548
1877 ...	Receipts	41,632	1,949
	Disbursements	38,452	1,697

It will be observed that in the past year the receipts have more than balanced the disbursements. Adding to the latter ten per cent. on account of pensions, however, there is still a slight deficit. What is possible in the way of reducing the staff of Ameens, both in pay and in point of numbers, has been done. In certain districts, however, it is not possible for the Ameens to perform their duties during the rains, and where their employment is not continuous, a deficit must be expected. The total number of Ameens employed at the end of the year was 15 of the first and 46 of the second grade, against 20 of the first and 45 of the second at the close of the previous year.

Assam. In the Valley Districts of Assam, temporary Ameens only were employed during the year, and the receipts covered the expenditure. In Sylhet and Cachar, where the Ameens employed were permanent, the receipts amounted to Rs. 1,663 only, against Rs. 1,920; the disbursements not including charge for pensions.

Local enquiries. *See Statement V.* The number of local enquiries held in the past year was 1,741 in the Lower Provinces and 156 in Assam, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 2,256 and 181, respectively. It is satisfactory to find that the decrease has occurred chiefly in cases of small value. As the cost of enquiry in petty cases often exceeds the value in dispute, it is not desirable, where it can be avoided, to order it.

In compiling the figures for Statement V, all District Judges have not followed the same plan. The results shown can, therefore, be received as approximately correct only. They are, however, favourable, and show a decrease in the average cost of enquiries and in the time taken to complete them.

Cost of establishments, with receipts on account of court fees. *See Statements R, S, W.* As regards the Non-Regulation Provinces of Bengal and Assam, a somewhat different method has been followed on the present from that adopted on previous occasions in filling up column 2 of Statement R, which is intended to show the cost of establishments, including Judges' salaries. For the Regulation Provinces the total cost of establishment has been entered, while the proportionate part of Judges' salaries debitable to civil work is shown in Statement S, as hitherto. In the Non-Regulation Provinces however, where a very small portion of the time of most judicial officers and of their establishments is devoted to judicial work, a part of the total cost, proportionate to the part of their time so applied, is entered in Statement R, and no further deduction has, therefore, to be made in Statement S.

Bengal. The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the Civil Courts in the interior of the Lower Provinces for the past two years.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Net Surplus.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1876	44,26,201	27,82,139	16,43,762
1877 ...	44,81,586	27,04,830	17,76,756

Adding for each year the amount shown in Statement S to have been overcharged on account of Judges' salary, a part of which is not debitable to civil work, it appears that the total surplus of receipts last year was Rs. 20,21,381, against Rs. 21,10,548 in the previous year. The decrease is due partly to a larger share of the time of the Judges having been given to civil work in the past than in the previous year, and partly to the change, explained above, in the method of filling up the return.

From the details given in Statement W it will be observed that in all Courts below the grade of a District Court in the Regulation Districts there was a large surplus of receipts, except in the Courts of the Subordinate Judges of Beerbhoom and Chittagong, and of the Small Cause Court Judges at Rajshahye and Furreedpore.

Assam. The following figures represent the receipts of the Civil Courts in Assam, and the proportion of costs of establishment properly debitable to civil justice:—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Surplus.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs
1876	2,31,963	2,28,304	3,659
1877	2,33,925	2,06,837	27,088

In the Report for 1876 it was stated that the expenditure of the Civil Courts of Assam largely exceeded the receipts. The contrary result arrived at in the above table is due to a deduction of two-thirds of the charges in the Extra Regulation Districts having been made, as representing roughly the proportion of cost debitable to other than the Civil Department. For 1877, as explained above, a share of the total cost only, proportionate to the time devoted to civil judicial duties, has been treated as a charge. In the figures for both years a share of the salary of the Judge of Sylhet has been treated as expenditure.

The surplus shown for 1877 is considerably greater than that for 1876, but the figures for the latter year, it will be observed, are approximate only. The fact may be accepted, however, that, as a whole, the Civil Courts in Assam are self-supporting.

Probates &c. *See Statement W2* A reference to Statement W will show that the Courts where there was a deficiency were the Courts of District Judges, of Subordinate Judges in the Valley Districts, and of Munsifs in Cachar. Elsewhere there was a considerable surplus.

To the present report a statement has, for the first time, been added, showing the amount of duty levied on probates, letters of administration, and certificates under 27 of 1860 in the Lower Provinces and Assam. Only those cases are shown where duty was chargeable. The total amount realized in the Mofussil was Rs. 98,030, and in Calcutta Rs. 1,99,305. These figures show a large increase, as compared with those for the year 1876, when the total amount of duty realized in Calcutta was Rs. 1,65,562, and in the Mofussil Rs. 56,074. In the course of time it is reasonable to expect that the provisions of the Hindú Wills Act will come into operation in a greater degree, and that a large increase in Government revenue will thereby be secured.

Ratio of suits to area and population. *See Statement T* The usual details are given in Statement T, showing for each district the ratio of suits to area and population. For the whole of the districts in the Lower Provinces to which this report has reference, the ratio per cent. of population was ·59, or slightly in excess of the previous year, when it was ·57. The ratio continues to be greatest in the Chittagong and Presidency Divisions, and to be least in the Patna Division.

Assam In Assam the ratio was ·5 per cent., or nearly the same as in Bengal. It was greatest (·9 per cent.) in Cachar, and least (·3 per cent.) in the Valley Districts.

The following changes took place in the ranks of the Subordinate Judicial Service in 1877. The under-mentioned Subordinate Judges and Munsifs left the service:—

Subordinate Judges.

DIED { Babu Digumber Biswas.
„ Gobind Chunder Sandyal.
„ Nobin Chundra Pal.

RETIRED ... { Babu Doorga Prosad Ghose.
„ Bidoo Bhushun Bannerjee.
„ Gooroo Prosad Sen.
Mr. L W. Hutchinson.

Munsifs.

DIED .. { Chunderkumar Mitter
Nundkumar Akyat.

RETIRED . { Ali Ahmed.
Mohesh Chunder Chuckerbutty.

The following Munsifs were promoted to Subordinate Judgeships:

NAMES	Service.			Districts to which appointed.	REMARKS.
	Y.	M.	D.		
Babu Monu Lall Chatterjee, L.L. ...	12	8	26	Moorshedabad.	
„ Poreshnath Bannerjee, B L. ...	7	7	3	Patna.	
„ Krishnamohun Mookerjee, B L. ...	12	3	25	24-Pergunnahs.	
„ Matadeen	15	9	15	Gya.	
„ Kristo Chunder Chatterjee, B.L. ...	12	0	11	Nuddea.	
„ Grish Chunder Chowdhry, B L. .	11	6	4	Sarun.	
„ Nuffer Chunder Bhutto, B.L. .	11	9	3	Backergunge.	

The following gentlemen were nominated to permanent Munsifships. They all had acted as Munsifs for a considerable period previous to their confirmation in the Subordinate Judicial Service, and most of them had for some years possessed the necessary qualifications for office. **Appointments to substantive Munsifships.**

NAMES.	Degree or other qualification.	Date of qualification.	Districts to which appointed.
Bepin Beharee Mookerjee ..	M.A. & B.L. ...	31st January 1872 ..	Moorshedabad.
Janokeynath Dutt ..	M.A. & B.L. ...	12th February 1873 .	24-Pergunnahs.
Jogendronath Ghose	M.A. & B.L. ...	11th „ 1874 ...	Backergunge.
Judunath Ghose ...	B.A. & L L. ...	12th „ 1873 .	Chittagong.
Bacharam Mookerjee	M.A. & B.L.	10th „ 1869 ...	Noacolly.
Lokenath Nundi	L.L. ...	12th „ 1873 ...	Rungpore.
Abdul Barri	B.L. ...	31st January 1871 ...	Bhaugulpore.
Upendronath Ghose	L.L. ..	„ „ „ ...	Tipperah.
Ghunesham Goopto	Higher Grade Pleader.	15th July 1869 ..	Purneah.
Kalinath Dhur	B.L.	2nd February 1870 ...	Midnapore
Hurkumar Roy ...	L.L. ...	11th „ 1874 ...	Chittagong.
Biraj Krishna Ghose	M.A. & B.L. ...	12th „ 1873	Chota Nagpore.
Hurihur Churn Lall	. ....	.....	Hazaribagh.
Sitikanth Mullick	Higher Grade Pleader	April 1870 ...	Tipperah
Aswinikumar Gooho	B L. ...	12th February 1873 .	Sylhet.
Hursoondur Chuckerbuttee ...	Higher Grade Pleader.	24th January 1872 ...	Sylhet.
Doorga Churn Sen	B.L. .	12th February 1873 ...	Backergunge.
Upendronath Ghose	B.L. ...	11th „ 1874 ...	Sylhet
Surut Chunder Mookerjee	M.A. & B.L. ...	„ „ „ ...	Sarun.
Jogendro Chunder Moullick ...	B.L. ...	12th „ 1873 ...	Dinagepore.
Benode Behary Mitter	B.L. ...	2nd „ 1870 ...	Rungpore.
Poorno Chunder Roy .	B.L. ...	12th „ 1873 .	Chittagong.
Ramjadub Talapatro	B.L. ...	11th „ 1874 ...	Tipperah.
Soshee Bhooshun Chatterjee . ..	B.L. ..	8th „ 1871 ...	24-Pergunnahs.

VII—RECENT LEGISLATION

The effects of recent legislation during 1877 were not sufficiently marked to call for special notice. The new Code of Civil Procedure only came into force after the Dusserah vacation, and during the last two months of the year much of the business of the Courts continued to be governed by Act VIII of 1859. Questions arising under the new Code did not come before the Court during the past year. The same remark applies to the new Limitation Act.

The Specific Relief Act came into force earlier, but its provisions were not the subject of judicial examination during the year.

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A.

ORIGINAL CASES INSTITUTED, DISPOSED OF AND PENDING, 1876 AND 1877

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	COURTS.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, E. ...	Reg. ...	15,359	14,807	15,346	15,506	2,130	1,579
	Burdwan, W. ...	Reg. ...	3,389	3,862	3,611	3,730	276	451
	Beerbhoom ...	Reg. ...	4,236	4,554	4,211	4,855	697	481
	Midnapore ...	Reg. ...	13,410	13,518	13,925	13,298	1,632	2,085
		S. C. ...	990	1,247	945	1,292	110	65
	Hooghly ...	Reg. ...	10,276	11,701	10,603	11,688	1,183	1,327
		S. C. ...	3,627	3,783	3,647	3,770	155	168
		Total ...	51,287	53,472	52,288	54,139	6,183	6,156
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	Reg. ...	22,478	23,084	22,879	23,170	2,016	2,222
		S. C. ...	4,604	4,516	4,589	4,523	258	294
	Nuddea ...	Reg. ...	8,195	8,520	8,152	8,670	1,389	1,337
		S. C. ...	7,966	8,247	8,037	8,489	385	254
	Jessore ...	Reg. ...	17,098	18,304	17,973	18,675	1,374	1,341
		S. C. ...	11,894	12,462	12,081	12,386	353	429
	Moorshedabad ...	Reg. ...	12,016	11,367	12,084	11,973	1,215	744
		S. C. ...	216	192	213	193	12	11
		Total ...	84,467	86,692	86,008	88,079	7,002	6,632
RAJSHAHYE ...	Dinagepore ...	Reg. ...	13,513	12,570	13,392	12,975	1,216	920
	Rajshahye	Reg. ...	8,593	7,965	8,904	8,211	1,183	1,066
		S. C. ...	1,810	1,524	1,816	1,531	109	102
	Rungpore ...	Reg. ...	15,821	16,530	16,365	17,303	2,324	1,738
AND		Total ...	39,737	38,589	40,477	40,020	4,832	3,826
COOCH BEHAR ...	Julpigoree and ...	Reg. ...	2,011	1,822	2,057	1,904	400	330
	Darjeeling ...	S. C. ...	1,084	916	1,017	944	96	68
		Total ...	3,095	2,738	3,074	2,848	496	398
DACCA	Dacca ...	Reg. ...	15,932	15,398	16,245	15,968	2,452	2,088
		S. C. ...	5,201	5,661	5,172	5,739	303	287
	Fureedpore ...	Reg. ...	13,640	12,435	13,648	12,516	1,811	2,000
		S. C. ...	1,605	1,648	1,719	1 740	162	102
	Backergunge ...	Reg. ...	11,605	12,637	11,923	12,652	1,262	1,549
		S. C. ...	1,052	1,572	1,026	1,517	7	132
	Mymensingh ...	Reg. ...	18,457*	17,639	18,603	17,965	2,555	2,393
	Tipperah ...	Reg. ...	24,015	18,515	24,997	19,100	3,023	1,937
		Total ...	91,507	85,505	93,333	87,197	11,655	10,488
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	Reg. ...	13,817	12,875	14,826	13,652	1,645	807
	Noakhally ...	Reg. ...	...	10,835	...	10,348	...	1,626
		Total ...	13,817	23,710	14,826	24,000	1,645	2,433
PATNA	Patna ...	Reg. ...	3,446	3,153	3,458	3,542	1,032	734
		S. C. ...	1,153	1,151	1,130	1,135	88	109
	Gya ...	Reg. ...	2,279	2,210	2,377	2,326	415	353
	Shahabad ...	Reg. ...	5,471	5,971	6,071	6,285	901	673
	Tirhoot ...	Reg. ...	6,010	8,379	5,707	7,518	1,926	3,368
	Sarun ...	Reg. ...	5,096	4,934	5,326	5,055	706	786
		Total ...	23,455	25,798	24,069	25,861	5,068	6,023
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	Reg. ...	8,633	8,491	8,657	8,793	897	735
		S. C. ...	3,592	3,406	3,649	3,592	317	142
	Purneah ...	Reg. ...	7,848	8,227	8,005	8,269	780	785
		Total ...	20,073	20,124	20,311	20,654	1,994	1,662
ORISSA	Cuttack ...	Reg. ...	4,792	5,267	4,885	5,286	831	873
		S. C. ...	2,629	3,118	2,611	3,023	127	222
		Total ...	7,421	8,385	7,496	8,309	958	1,095
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore ...	Reg. ...	3,997	4,315	4,125	4,335	583	562
	Total ...	Reg. ...	2,91,433	2,99,885	2,98,355	3,05,568	37,864	36,890
		S. C. ...	47,423	49,443	47,652	49,874	2,552	2,385
	Grand Total ...		3,38,856	3,49,328	3,46,007	3,55,442	40,416	39,275
ASSAM PROVINCE...	Assam Valley ...	Reg. ...	7,636	7,497	7,585	7,552	781	814
	Sylhet ...	Reg. ...	9,756	11,872	10,218	11,595	1,333	1,704
	Cachar ...	Reg. ...	2,037	1,913	2,042	1,742	151	322
		Total ...	19,429	21,282	19,845	20,889	2,265	2,840

* In last year's report, 210 cases admitted to review and received on remand were erroneously included in the Mymensingh returns.

B.

SUITS AND APPEALS PENDING MORE THAN ONE YEAR AT THE CLOSE OF 1876 AND 1877.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	1876.		1877.		REMARKS
		SUITS.	APPEALS.	SUITS.	APPEALS.	
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	8	...	...	...	
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	...	...	...	...	
	BEERBHOOM ...	2	...	...	...	
	MIDNAPORE ...	1	...	4	26	
	HOOGHLY ...	...	...	1	...	
PRESIDENCY ..	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	8	...	...	...	
	NUDDEA ...	1	9	2	8	
	JESSORE ...	1	2	4	13	
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	2	3	1	1	
RAJSHAHYE ... AND	DINAGEPORE ...	1	...	1	8	
	RAJSHAHYE ...	1	25	5	13	
	RUNGPORE ...	10	13	18	9	
COOCH BEHAR ...	JULPIGOREE AND DARJEELING ...	...	...	...	...	
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	13	2	11	4	
	FURREEDPORE ...	3	...	8	14	
	BACKERGUNGE ...	3	...	2	...	
	MYMENSINGH ...	1	34	5	26	
	TIPPERAH ...	19	2	6	2	
CHITTAGONG .	CHITTAGONG ...	31	11	1	2	
	NOAKHALLY ...	...	...	12	9	
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	12	16	...	52	
	GYA ...	5	46	12	66	
	SHAHABAD ...	1	1	...	6	
	TIRHOOT ...	...	5	23	34	
	SARUN ...	...	1	3	28	
BHAUGULPORE...	BHAUGULPORE ...	8	1	5	9	
	PURNEAH ...	...	...	...	1	
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK ...	3	4	12	3	
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	1	...	...	...	
	Total ...	135	175	136	334	
ASSAM PROVINCE	ASSAM ...	2	3	14	2	
	SYLHET ...	...	...	...	4	
	CACHAR ...	...	...	...	...	
	Total ...	2	3	14	6	

C.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF SUITS INSTITUTED IN THE REGULAR CIVIL COURTS, *i. e.*, EXCLUDING THE SMALL CAUSE COURTS, 1873—1877.

DISTRICT	VALUE IN 1873.	NUMBER IN 1873.	NUMBER IN 1874.	NUMBER IN 1875.	NUMBER IN 1876.	NUMBER IN 1877.	VALUE IN 1877.
	Rs.						Rs.
BACKERGUNGE ...	11,52,151	12,149	11,323	11,301	11,605	12,637	15,64,469
BEERBHOOM ...	3,81,880	3,702	3,362	4,108	4,236	4,554	5,24,675
BHAUGULPORE ..	21,69,212	7,536	6,367	7,575	8,633	8,491	28,37,187
BURDWAN, EAST ...	11,78,832	13,466	14,010	16,106	15,359	14,807	16,63,224
BURDWAN, WEST .	2,72,579	4,184	4,053	4,313	3,389	3,862	2,24,611
CHITTAGONG ...	11,60,351	14,714	13,825	12,992	13,817	12,875	9,61,158
CUTTACK ..	6,00,799	4,578	4,111	4,663	4,792	5,267	8,65,270
DACCA ...	16,43,198	18,084	20,249	4,157	15,932	15,398	15,41,557
DINAGEPORE .	9,45,673	10,775	9,515	12,103	13,513	12,570	9,44,527
FURREEDPORE ...	...	...	...	3,379	13,640	12,135	7,46,986
GYA .	11,03,086	1,956	2,083	2,168	2,279	2,210	12,42,143
HOOGHLY .	6,35,357	8,223	7,786	9,658	10,276	11,701	15,22,975
JESSORE ...	8,85,656	16,254	15,933	16,396	17,098	18,304	10,83,985
MIDNAPORE .	38,96,654	11,113	12,891	15,147	13,110	13,518	13,79,881
MOORSHEDABAD ...	18,36,016	9,106	8,298	11,103	12,016	11,367	19,58,671
MYMENSINGH .	18,17,914	16,680	16,052	18,040	18,457*	17,639	19,29,851
NOAKHALLY ...		...		.	..	10,835	6,27,321
NUDDEA .	5,79,301	6,261	6,634	7,915	8,195	8,520	10,81,762
PATNA ...	14,49,548	3,637	3,205	3,375	3,446	3,153	29,94,234
PURNEAH ..	12,70,103	5,861	6,051	7,681	7,848	8,227	9,23,617
RAJSHAHYE ..	8,86,416	7,351	8,058	8,301	8,593	7,965	11,94,304
RUNGPORE ..	8,35,813	12,851	11,976	15,075	15,821	16,530	16,01,968
SARUN ..	39,57,692	4,340	3,662	4,392	5,096	4,934	15,90,176
SHAHABAD ..	8,96,828	4,053	4,286	4,745	5,171	5,971	11,15,055
TIPPERAH ...	14,82,759	23,454	21,208	22,570	24,015	18,515	12,96,746
TIRHOOT ...	24,59,251	5,441	4,214	5,345	6,010	8,379	20,71,631
24-PERGUNNAHS ..	18,31,920	16,720	17,189	19,451	22,478	23,084	29,96,447
CHOTA NAGPORE .	11,18,811	4,012	4,194	4,636	3,997	4,315	12,82,684
JULPIGOREE AND DARJEELING ..	1,87,091	1,395	1,617	1,703	2,011	1,822	2,19,789
Total of Regulation Provinces	**3,53,29,349**	**242,519**	**236,371**	**272,052**	**285,425**	**293,748**	**3,84,86,831**
Total of Non-Regn Provinces .	**13,05,902**	**5,407**	**5,811**	**6,339**	**6,008**	**6,137**	**15,02,473**
Grand Total ...	**3,66,35,251**	**247,926**	**242,182**	**278,391**	**291,433**	**299,885**	**3,99,89,304**
ASSAM ...	6,03,944	9,219	7,898	8,352	7,636	7,497	5,66,872
SYLHET ..	8,41,976	10,924	10,634	10,709	9,756	11,872	9,13,252
CACHAR ...	81,290	1,568	1,548	1,750	2,037	1,913	1,97,626
Total ...	**15,27,210**	**21,711**	**20,080**	**20,811**	**19,429**	**21,282**	**16,77,750**

* In last year's report, 210 cases admitted to review and received on remand were erroneously included in the Mymensingh returns. In Midnapore the value of suits was erroneously given as Rs. 37,46,831 for 1876, instead of Rs, 36,96,830, the correct figure. In Gya one suit valued at Rs 25,15,574 was counted twice in 1876

D.

CLASSIFICATION OF SUITS INSTITUTED, 1873—1877.

REGULAR CIVIL COURTS, *i. e.*, EXCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

		Institutions for 1873.		Institutions for 1874.		Institutions for 1875.		Institutions for 1876.		Institutions for 1877.	
Backergunge	S. C. C. class	3,675		2,700		2,663		1,959		3,019	
	Rent suits	7,680		7,608		7,626		6,947		8,439	
	Other cases	794		1,015		1,012		871		1,179	
			12,149		11,323		11,301		*9,777		12,637
Beerbhoom	S. C. C. class	1,676		1,421		1,785		1,492		1,524	
	Rent suits	1,066		1,072		1,568		1,807		1,900	
	Other cases	960		869		755		937		1,130	
			3,702		3,362		4,108		4,236		4,554
Bhaugulpore	S. C. C. class	1,936		2,685		2,571		2,358		2,844	
	Rent suits	3,563		2,816		3,628		4,818		4,315	
	Other cases	2,037		866		1,376		1,457		1,332	
			7,536		6,367		7,575		8,633		8,491
Burdwan, East	S. C. C. class	5,022		5,771		6,294		5,773		5,266	
	Rent suits	4,852		5,343		7,356		7,289		6,853	
	Other cases	3,592		2,896		2,456		2,297		2,688	
			13,466		14,010		16,106		15,359		14,807
Burdwan, West	S. C. C. class	1,332		1,020		1,253		906		995	
	Rent suits	1,639		1,706		1,903		1,463		1,759	
	Other cases	1,213		1,327		1,157		1,020		1,108	
			4,184		4,053		4,313		3,389		3,862
Chittagong	S. C. C. class	4,556		4,240		4,590		5,159		5,960	
	Rent suits	5,951		6,044		5,043		5,507		5,003	
	Other cases	4,207		3,541		3,359		3,151		1,912	
			14,714		13,825		12,992		13,817		12,875
Cuttack	S. C. C. class	2,611		2,221		2,654		3,394		3,020	
	Rent suits										
	Other cases	1,967		1,890		2,009		1,398		2,247	
			4,578		4,111		4,663		4,792		5,267
Dacca	S. C. C. class	9,482		10,981		13,157		10,624		10,544	
	Rent suits	6,696		7,058		8,148		3,198		2,979	
	Other cases	1,906		2,210		2,852		2,110		1,875	
			18,084		20,249		24,157		15,932		15,398
Dinagepore	S. C. C. class	7,207		7,247		8,567		9,428		8,920	
	Rent suits	2,077		1,655		2,779		3,540		3,080	
	Other cases	1,491		613		757		545		570	
			10,775		9,515		12,103		13,513		12,570
Furreedpore	S. C. C. class					1,805		6,852		6,415	
	Rent suits					1,286		5,739		5,015	
	Other cases					288		1,049		1,005	
							3,379		13,640		12,435
Gya	S. C. C. class	659		722		1,171		1,200		1,192	
	Rent suits	465		578		548		610		602	
	Other cases	832		783		449		469		416	
			1,956		2,083		2,168		2,279		2,210
Hooghly	S. C. C. class	2,998		2,388		2,776		3,017		3,130	
	Rent suits	3,152		4,041		5,516		5,963		6,934	
	Other cases	2,073		1,357		1,366		1,296		1,637	
			8,223		7,786		9,658		10,276		11,701
Jessore	S. C. C. class	1,802		1,829		2,009		2,249		2,618	
	Rent suits	12,801		12,062		12,280		12,693		13,293	
	Other cases	1,651		2,042		2,107		2,156		2,393	
			16,254		15,933		16,396		17,098		18,304
Midnapore	S. C. C. class	4,255		5,699		6,575		5,212		6,041	
	Rent suits	5,021		5,386		6,879		6,869		5,756	
	Other cases	1,867		1,806		1,693		1,329		1,721	
			11,143		12,891		15,147		13,410		13,518
Moorshedabad	S. C. C. class	4,814		4,179		4,977		5,421		4,913	
	Rent suits	3,608		3,340		5,198		5,626		5,157	
	Other cases	684		779		928		969		1,297	
			9,106		8,298		11,103		12,016		11,367
Mymensingh	S. C. C. class	11,336		10,097		12,453		13,071		12,836	
	Rent suits	2,244		2,445		3,166		3,121		2,690	
	Other cases	3,100		3,510		2,421		2,265		2,113	
			16,680		16,052		18,040		18,457		17,639
Noakhally	S. C. C. class					...		.		4,678	
	Rent suits	...		.		..		..		5,423	
	Other cases	.		.		.				734	
			.								10,835
Nuddea	S. C. C. class	621		1,627		1,640		1,669		1,989	
	Rent suits	4,670		3,986		5,092		5,210		5,203	
	Other cases	970		1,021		1,173		1,316		1,328	
			6,261		6,634		7,905		8,195		8,520
Patna	S. C. C. class	408		357		743		446		595	
	Rent suits	2,035		1,482		1,766		1,704		1,577	
	Other cases	1,194		1,366		866		1,096		981	
			3,637		3,205		3,375		3,446		3,153

* 1,828 Cases have been excluded from this Statement as noted last year.

D.

CLASSIFICATION OF SUITS INSTITUTED, 1873—1877—concluded.

REGULAR CIVIL COURTS, *i. e.*, EXCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

		Institutions for 1873.		Institutions for 1874.		Institutions for 1875.		Institutions for 1876.		Institutions for 1877.	
PURNEAH	S. C. C. class	3,241		2,842		3,500		3,644		3,691	
	Rent suits	2,085		2,770		3,724		3,645		3,952	
	Other cases	535	5,861	439	6,051	457	7,681	559	7,848	584	8,227
RAJSHAHYE.	S. C. C. class	3,403		3,072		5,243		5,342		4,553	
	Rent suits	2,588		3,811		2,533		2,588		2,652	
	Other cases	1,360	7,351	1,175	8,058	528	8,304	663	8,593	760	7,965
RUNGPORE	S. C. C. class	7,990		7,787		10,232		9,895		9,781	
	Rent suits	3,517		3,305		4,236		5,414		6,108	
	Other cases	1,344	12,851	884	11,976	607	15,075	512	15,821	641	16,530
SARUN ...	S. C. C. class	1,084		914		1,627		1,720		1,892	
	Rent suits	1,874		1,380		2,010		2,589		2,300	
	Other cases	1,382	4,340	1,368	3,662	755	4,392	787	5,096	742	4,934
SHAHABAD	S. C. C. class	814		1,407		1,426		1,626		1,548	
	Rent suits	1,897		1,902		2,348		2,777		3,098	
	Other cases	1,342	4,053	977	4,286	971	4,745	1,068	5,471	1,325	5,971
TIPPERAH	S. C. C. class	8,377		7,925		9,581		10,894		10,057	
	Rent suits	11,673		10,233		10,302		10,616		6,961	
	Other cases	3,404	23,454	3,050	21,208	2,687	22,570	2,505	24,015	1,497	18,515
TIRHOOT ...	S. C. C. class	1,596		1,851		2,267		2,336		2,905	
	Rent suits	2,097		1,222		1,958		2,436		4,541	
	Other cases	1,748	5,441	1,171	4,244	1,120	5,345	1,238	6,010	933	8,379
24-PERGUNNAHS.	S. C. C. class	5,591		6,582		7,537		8,841		9,150	
	Rent suits	8,349		8,634		9,688		11,264		11,121	
	Other cases	2,780	16,720	1,973	17,189	2,226	19,451	2,373	22,478	2,813	23,084
CHOTA NAGPORE.	S. C. C. class	3,325		3,542		3,765		3,417		3,654	
	Rent suits	..		...		...		...		...	
	Other cases	687	4,012	652	4,194	871	4,636	580	3,997	661	4,315
JULPIGOREE & DARJEELING.	S. C. C. class	1,030		1,412		1,502		1,812		1,648	
	Rent suits	...		...		...		...		...	
	Other cases	365	1,395	205	1,617	201	1,703	199	2,011	174	1,822
Total ...	S. C. C. class	1,00,841		1,02,518		1,24,363		1,29,957		1,35,378	
	Rent suits	1,01,600		99,879		1,16,581		1,23,433		1,26,711	
	Other cases	45,485	2,47,926	39,785	2,42,182	37,447	2,78,391	36,215	2,89,605	37,796	2,99,885
Total of Regulation Districts.	S. C. C. class	96,486		97,564		1,19,096		1,24,728		1,30,076	
	Rent suits	1,01,600		99,879		1,16,581		1,23,433		1,26,711	
	Other cases	44,433	2,42,519	38,928	2,36,371	36,375	2,72,052	35,436	2,83,597	36,961	2,93,748
Total of Non-Regulation Districts.	S. C. C. class	4,355		4,954		5,267		5,229		5,302	
	Rent suits	...		...		...		...		...	
	Other cases	1,052	5,407	857	5,811	1,072	6,339	779	6,008	835	6,137
ASSAM VALLEY.	S. C. C. class	7,780		6,654		7,265		6,965		6,743	
	Rent suits	658		538		383		...		...	
	Other cases	781	9,219	706	7,898	704	8,352	671	7,636	754	7,497
SYLHET ...	S. C. C. class	7,855		6,840		6,890		6,833		8,559	
	Rent suits	1,016		987		934		892		1,355	
	Other cases	2053	10,924	2,807	10,634	2,885	10,709	2,031	9,756	1,958	11,872
CACHAR ..	S. C. C. class	1,202		1,120		1,364		1,547		1,446	
	Rent suits	57		33		34		45		60	
	Other cases	309	1,568	395	1,548	352	1,750	445	2,037	407	1,913
Total ...	S. C. C. class	16,837		14,614		15,519		15,345		16,748	
	Rent suits	1,731		1,558		1,351		937		1,415	
	Other cases	3,143	21,711	3,908	20,080	3,941	20,811	3,147	19,429	3,119	21,282

E.

SUITS HOW DISPOSED OF IN ALL COURTS, *i. e.*, INCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	WITHDRAWN, COMPROMISED, CONFESSED, &C.	DECIDED EX-PARTE.	CONTESTED (BOTH PARTIES PRESENT.)	TOTAL.
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST	5,934	5,473	4,099	15,506
	BURDWAN, WEST	1,985	811	934	3,730
	BEERBHOOM	1,965	967	1,923	4,855
	MIDNAPORE	7,175	3,488	2,635	13,298
	Small Cause Court ...	885	199	208	1,292
	HOOGHLY	4,027	4,551	3,110	11,688
	Small Cause Court ...	1,863	866	1,041	3,770
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	9,655	7,614	5,901	23,170
	Small Cause Court .	2,024	1,282	1,217	4,523
	NUDDEA ...	3,096	2,825	2,719	8,670
	Small Cause Court ...	4,847	1,538	2,104	8,489
	JESSORE	5,419	7,449	5,807	18,675
	Small Cause Court ...	6,516	3,122	2,418	12,386
	MOORSHEDABAD	3,828	4,694	3,451	11,973
	Small Cause Court ...	67	53	73	193
RAJSHAHYE AND COOCH BEHAR	DINAGEPORE	3,982	5,895	3,098	12,975
	RAJSHAHYE	3,092	3,084	2,035	8,211
	Small Cause Court ...	864	299	368	1,531
	RUNGPORE	3,924	9,630	3,749	17,303
	JULPIGOREE AND DARJEELING ...	534	1,002	368	1,904
	Small Cause Court ...	473	367	104	944
DACCA	DACCA . ..	4,615	7,353	4,000	15,968
	Small Cause Court ...	2,589	2,359	791	5,739
	FURREEDPORE	2,970	6,828	2,718	12,516
	Small Cause Court ...	770	745	225	1,740
	BACKERGUNGE	2,690	7,271	2,691	12,652
	Small Cause Court ...	602	658	257	1,517
	MYMENSINGH	3,392	9,966	4,607	17,965
	TIPPERAH	6,252	7,859	4,989	19,100
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG	5,004	4,326	4,322	13,652
	NOAKHALLY	3,055	4,838	2,155	10,348
PATNA	PATNA	1,068	667	1,807	3,542
	Small Cause Court ..	539	292	304	1,135
	GYA	803	458	1,065	2,326
	SHAHABAD	2,715	1,380	2,160	6,285
	SARUN	2,101	1,203	1,751	5,055
	TIRHOOT	2,591	1,987	2,910	7,518
BHAUGULPORE	BHAUGULPORE	2,812	2,842	3,139	8,793
	Small Cause Court ...	1,916	1,001	615	3,592
	PURNEAH ...	3,542	2,956	1,771	8,269
ORISSA	CUTTACK	2,788	1,345	1,153	5,286
	Small Cause Court ...	2,040	461	522	3,023
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE	2,025	950	1,360	4,335
	Total of { Regular Courts ...	103,069	119,712	82,787	305,568
	Total of { Small Cause Courts	26,025	13,542	10,307	49,874
	Grand Total ...	129,094	133,254	93,094	355,442
ASSAM PROVINCE	ASSAM VALLEY	3,691	1,020	2,841	7,552
	SYLHET	3,102	5,152	2,741	11,595
	CACHAR	891	446	405	1,742
	Total	7,984	6,918	5,987	20,889

F.

APPLICATIONS UNDER SECTION 119, ACT VIII OF 1859, FOR AN ORDER TO SET ASIDE AN EX-PARTE JUDGMENT OR A JUDGMENT ON DEFAULT, 1877.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFS.							SUB-JUDGES.							SMALL CAUSE COURTS.							JUDGES.						
	To set aside ex-parte judgment	To set aside judgment on default	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected	Total disposed of.	Pending	To set aside ex-parte judgment	To set aside judgment on default	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside ex-parte judgment	To set aside judgment on default	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected	Total disposed of.	Pending.	To set aside ex-parte judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of	Pending.
Backergunge ...	528	117	645	225	276	529*	116	16		16	4	10	14	2	43	40	83	41	40	81	2	.			..	...	..	...
Beerbhoom ..	78	107	185	86	64	150	35	1		1	1		1						..					...	.	...	..	...
Bhaugulpore ...	107	34	141	38	93	131	10	17	4	21	2	18	20	1	23	34	57	21	36	57		...	...		...	...	..	..
Burdwan, East ...	344	70	414	107	251	358	56	5	1	6	2	3	5	1			.	.		..					.	...		.
Burdwan, West ...	83	8	91	38	41	79	12	.							.				..	.				..	...		.	.
Chittagong ...	344	169	513	181	275	461†	52	11	1	12	7	3	10	2	.									..	...		.	...
Cuttack ...	41	47	88	45	33	78	10	3		3	2	1	3		13		13	13		13		...		..	...		...	
Dacca ...	108	161	269	109	96	205	64	2	3	5	.	3	3	2						..			...	..		...	...	...
Dinagepore ...	73	32	105	55	41	96	9	..	19	19	8	11	19									...	..	..	...	..	...	...
Furreedpore ...	358	93	451	147	189	336	115	5	..	5		2	2	3	45	35	80	18	45	63	17	.						
Gya	55	11	66	21	39	60	6	12		12	2	7	9	3														
Hooghly ...	212	73	285	95	151	246	39	4	47	51	8	24	32	19								4	6	10	6	2	8	2
Jessore ...	673	80	753	185	432	617	136	5	3	8	2	5	7	1	236	195	431	276	131	407	24							
Midnapore ...	240	113	353	99	208	307	46								12	7	19	8	10	18	1							
Moorshedabad ..	197	45	242	42	157	199	43	4		4	.	3	3	1												.		...
Mymensingh ...	215	58	273	73	152	225	48	6		6		6	6		.		.				.	.						...
Noakhally ...	136	56	192	34	107	141	51																1	1	1	.	1	...
Nuddea .	148	69	217	50	90	140	77	6	5	11	4	6	10	1	72	168	240	120	105	225	15	..						...
Patna ...	70	85	155	49	98	147	8	36		36	3	26	31‡	2	12	5	17	5	9	14	3	..			.		...	
Purnea ...	124	42	166	41	108	149	17	8	1	9		9	9		.							3	.	3		3	3	.
Rajshahye ...	237	34	271	77	150	227	44	19		19	3	12	15	4	27	7	34	9	23	32	2		...		.	.		
Rungpore ..	171	87	258	74	121	195	63	10	17	27	16	7	23	4	.				..	.				.	...	.	...	
Sarun ..	211	56	267	102	88	190	77	11		11		10	10	1			.							...				...
Shahabad ...	101	26	127	37	68	105	22	2		2		2	2		.		.			.		.					..	..
Tipperah ..	206	141	347	105	157	262	85	6	..	6	..	2	2	4	.							...			.		..	...
Tirhoot .	102	7	109	28	48	76	33	9	4	13	7	3	10	3										.			..	...
24-Pergunnahs	467	72	539	157	305	462	77	7		7		5	6§	1	42		42	25	14	39	3	..				.	..	
Chota Nagpore	49	30	79	38	27	65	14	4	1	5	2	1	3	2								.		.			...	...
Julpigoree and Darjeeling	17	2	19	6	11	17	2		1	1	1		1		3	3	6	6		6		..		.			..	..
Total ..	5,695	1,925	7,620	2,344	3,876	6 253	1,367	209	107	316	74	179	259	57	528	494	1,022	542	413	955	67	7	7	14	7	5	12	2
Assam .	58	65	123	49	61	110	13	..	1	1	1		1		.				.		.		.	..	...	...	...	...
Sylhet ..	45	25	70	15	39	54	16	1	...	1		1	1				.		..	...	.	..			..	...	..	...
Cachar .	6	10	16	5	9	14	2	.	.	..					..				..		..			...		...	...	...
Total ...	109	100	209	69	109	178	31	1	1	2	1	1	2		...			.	...	..	..		...	.	...	.	...	..

* Out of these, 28 cases were transferred to other Courts † Of these, 5 applications were transferred to Noakhally. ‡ Of these, 5 cases were transferred to other Courts § Out of these, 1 case was transferred to other Courts

G.

DECREES EXECUTED IN THE REGULAR COURTS, *i. e.*, EXCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

DISTRICTS	1877.				
	COMPLETELY.	PARTIALLY.	AMOUNT REALIZED		
			Rs.	A.	P.
BACKERGUNGE	3,551	2,016	6,14,713	8	10
BEERBHOOM	1,111	662	1,01,865	0	0
BHAUGULPORE	2,030	1,221	9,84,131	0	8
BURDWAN, EAST	4,094	2,780	4,66,779	0	0
BURDWAN, WEST	1,404	709	1,18,728	12	0
CHITTAGONG	2,870	4,276	2,94,630	15	11
CUTTACK	835	652	2,90,886	1	0
DACCA	2,440	1,575	4,02,915	14	0
DINAGEPORE	1,521	1,384	2,35,872	0	0
FURREEDPORE	2,854	1,013	2,41,599	13	1
GYA	962	523	4,58,638	0	0
HOOGHLY	2,706	2,216	4,63,294	15	0
JESSORE	5,197	4,396	4,17,137	0	0
MIDNAPORE	3,212	2,346	3,40,610	13	0
MOORSHEDABAD	2,206	1,639	5,64,658	5	5
MYMENSINGH	3,366	1,830	4,22,609	7	2
NOAKHALLY	1,632	824	1,31,216	0	0
NUDDEA	2,135	1,704	2,65,778	0	0
PATNA	1,609	994	6,96,978	0	0
PURNEAH	1,175	894	7,48,061	15	0
RAJSHAHYE	1,246	1,493	2,61,907	0	0
RUNGPORE	2,262	1,219	2,61,615	0	0
SARUN	1,704	938	5,34,902	10	2
SHAHABAD	2,251	1,089	5,25,248	11	7
TIPPERAH	3,324	1,802	3,80,291	14	5
TIRHOOT	2,226	1,227	12,11,408	0	0
24-PERGUNNAHS	5,543	2,395	9,93,193	0	0
CHOTA NAGPORE	790	833	1,60,466	7	5
JULPIGOREE AND DARJEELING	400	629	93,330	14	11
Total	66,959	45,339	1,26,86,768	3	7
ASSAM VALLEY	780	621	90,400	5	7
SYLHET	1,649	990	1,56,997	11	3
CACHAR	264	188	39,485	11	8
Total	2,693	1,799	2,86,883	12	6

H.

DECREES SATISFIED WITHOUT EXECUTION, 1877.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFS		SUB-JUDGES.		SMALL CAUSE COURT JUDGES.		JUDGES.	
	NUMBER.	AMOUNT	NUMBER.	AMOUNT.	NUMBER	AMOUNT.	NUMBER	AMOUNT.
		Rs A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A P.
BACKERGUNGE	662	26,625 9 2	8	1,043 5 3	92	4,889 9 6	...	.....
BEERBHOOM . .	196	5,040 0 0	...	.....	..	.....	6	2,466 0 0
BHAUGULPORE	528	34,227 5 6	15	43,810 10 2	164	9,639 4 4	...	.....
BURDWAN, EAST	809	9,569 14 3	6	418 0 0	...	.....	...	.....
BURDWAN, WEST	88	1,619 1 9	...	..	...	.....	1	675 1 6
CHITTAGONG	800	27,822 1 11	12	7,571 13 8	...	.....	...	.....
CUTTACK	132	3,858 9 7	2	1,642 2 8	293	9,355 10 1	...	.....
DACCA	487	10,264 15 10½	2	438 12 6	...	.....	1	165 0 0
DINAGEPORE	385	11,148 0 0	47	3,369 0 0	...	.....	...	.....
FURREEDPORE	297	7,866 4 1	..	...	97	574 4 4	...	.....
GYA	42	8,258 9 0	10	7,125 5 0	...	.....		...
HOOGHLY	1,114	49,183 7 3	108	2,56,921 7 3	...	.....	49	10,550 15 0
JESSORE	792	16,017 5 2	4	2,643 2 0	786	19,462 13 3	..	.....
MIDNAPORE .. .	800	17,429 9 0	8	4,372 13 0	91	5,178 14 6	..	.....
MOORSHEDABAD ...	713	26,752 0 0	24	37,895 0 0	...	.....	...	.....
MYMENSINGH	472	35,602 3 0	4	2,030 0 3	.	.....	..	.....
NOAKHALLY	493	16,814 10 9	..	....		.....	...	.....
NUDDEA	342	10,419 7 5	8	46,762 2 0	462	17,095 5 4	...	.....
PATNA	62	10,532 7 9	8	4,853 15 4	168	3,101 13 0		.....
PURNEAH	192	8,678 10 5	2	3,444 9 9	..	.....	...	.....
RAJSHAHYE	318	11,328 14 0		.....	110	4,685 3 6	..	.....
RUNGPORE	456	15,485 0 0	2	7,300 0 0	...	.....	..	.....
SARUN	266	18,534 8 5	9	7,710 14 7	...	.....	...	.....
SHAHABAD	444	22,954 15 8	21	26,386 0 1	.	.....	...	.....
TIPPERAH	783	29,377 10 3	...	.....	.	.....	...	.....
TIRHOOT	159	17,309 0 0	3	25,268 0 0	...	.....	...	.....
24-PERGUNNAHS	1,271	29,585 15 0	12	13,051 11 9	334	13,578 9 9	...	.....
CHOTA NAGPORE	56	2,473 11 3	9	23,122 3 4	...	.....	...	.....
JULPIGOREE AND DARJEELING	25	2,002 1 3	...	.....	81	1,502 14 6		.....
Total ...	13,184	4,86,781 15 8½	324	5,27,481 0 7	2,678	89,064 6 1	57	13,857 0 6
ASSAM	204	5,453 15 0	4	625 9 6	...	.....	...	.....
SYLHET	244	9,396 1 2	19	10,123 3 0	...	.....	1	12 0 3
CACHAR	6	446 9 11	...	.....	...	.....	1	718 5 0
Total ...	454	15,296 10 1	23	10,748 12 6	...	.....	2	730 5 3

I.

ORIGINAL MISCELLANEOUS CASES.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	2,541	2,261	2,608	2,358	403	252
	Burdwan, West ...	898	817	925	855	204	166
	Beerbhoom	896	1,071	886	1,076	211	179
	Midnapore	2,200	2,372	2,282	2,264	393	473
	Hooghly .	2,642	2,703	2,653	2,725	483	361
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs	2,830	2,497	2,824	2,414	259	342
	Nuddea	2,615	2,396	2,708	2,395	570	583
	Jessore ...	4,180	4,378	3,992	4,076	665	754
	Moorshedabad	1,097	1,049	1,058	1,099	208	158
RAJSHAHYE AND	Dinagepore	837	716	868	669	104	146
	Bajshahye	1,136	958	1,204	913	196	241
	Rungpore ...	1,310	1,292	1,295	1,326	313	254
COOCH BEHAR	Julpigoree and Darjeeling.	226	212	264	217	38	33
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	1,520	1,632	1,416	1,619	368	405
	Furreedpore ...	1,337	1,173	1,251	1,141	267	287
	Backergunge ...	1,775	1,862	1,667	1,874	350	347
	Mymensingh	2,071	1,363	2,159	1,508	342	257
	Tipperah .	2,702	2,569	2,638	2,653	728	636
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	2,005	2,129	2,066	2,372	300	305
	Noakhally ..	..	1,137		1,224	...	432
PATNA ...	Patna .	1,332	1,828	1,360	1,688	230	358
	Gya .. .	1,020	1,105	1,016	1,036	143	211
	Shahabad	906	1,093	838	1,018	140	112
	Sarun	1,740	1,470	1,801	1,407	242	305
	Tirhoot ..	1,558	1,642	1,499	1,671	349	320
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore	977	1,093	1,027	971	86	65
	Purneah ..	2,291	1,723	2,237	1,815	353	333
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ..	869	892	873	883	109	118
CHOTA NAGPORE	Chota Nagpore	988	1,065	931	1,174	270	161
	Total	46,562	46,798	46,346	46,441	8,324	8,594
ASSAM PROVINCE	Assam Valley ...	832	435	798	479	107	33
	Sylhet	1,009	1,271	1,034	1,281	155	205
	Cachar	179	224	174	193	31	60
	Total ...	2,020	1,930	2,006	1,893	293	298

J.

APPEALS.

DIVISION	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	895	1,027	796	1,154	486	388
	„ West ...	206	182	233	183	32	41
	Beerbhoom ...	288	349	300	367	78	64
	Midnapore ...	974	669	1,151	587	490	584
	Hooghly ...	859	818	892	576	192	438
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	1,169	1,068	1,250	1,012	229	301
	Nuddea ...	613	665	677	609	518	593
	Jessore ...	867	913	820	595	450	805
	Moorshedabad ..	384	514	237	656	251	109
RAJSHAHYE ...	Dinagepore ...	426	368	443	414	109	72
	Rajshahye ...	578	662	436	495	378	556
	Rungpore ...	572	596	745	774	390	245
AND COOCH BEHAR ...	Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	86	43	71	55	19	7
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	906	933	1,155	1,062	417	304
	Furreedpore ...	643	556	398	475	398	484
	Backergunge .	724	596	837	568	117	161
	Mymensingh ...	1,113	971	1,404	1,005	388	371
	Tipperah ...	1,641	1,268	1,358	1,254	1,036	787
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong ...	1,268	910	1,693	1,274	646	339
	Noakhally ..	...	263	...	237	...	368
PATNA ...	Patna ...	894	888	881	451	424	901
	Gya ...	493	454	462	539	357	296
	Shahabad ...	970	819	915	845	282	314
	Sarun ...	1,031	1,121	988	859	377	699
	Tirhoot ...	750	1,214	682	1,239	622	619
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	877	1,183	963	1,367	356	206
	Purneah ...	382	309	414	247	9	72
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	359	322	348	330	224	221
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore ...	454	466	447	424	175	217
	Total ...	20,422	20,147	20,996	19,653	9,450	10,562
ASSAM PROVINCE ...	Assam Valley ...	748	542	682	629	170	87
	Sylhet .	695	607	878	626	240	241
	Cachar ...	69	57	57	72	21	6
	Total ...	1,512	1,206	1,617	1,327	431	334

K.

NUMBER OF APPELLATE JUDGES AND OF APPEALS PREFERRED, WITH RATIO OF APPEALS TO DECISIONS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Appellate Judges.	Original Suits tried on merits.	Appeals preferred.	Ratio per cent. of Appeals to Original Decisions.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	3	4,099	1,027	25·05
	„ West ...	1	934	182	19·48
	Beerbhoom	2	1,923	349	18·14
	Midnapore	2	2,635	669	25·38
	Hooghly	3	3,110	818	26·30
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	4	5,901	1,068	18·09
	Nuddea	2	2,749	665	24·19
	Jessore	2	5,807	913	15·72
	Moorshedabad ...	2	3,451	514	14·89
RAJSHAHYE ...	Dinagepore	2	3,098	368	11·91
	Rajshahye	4	2,035	662	32·53
AND	Rungpore	2	3,749	596	15·89
COOCH BEHAR ...	Julpigoree and Darjeeling	3	368	43	11·68
DACCA ...	Dacca	3	4,000	933	23·32
	Furreedpore ...	2	2,718	556	20·45
	Backergunge ...	3	2,691	596	22·14
	Mymensingh... ...	3	4,607	971	21·08
	Tipperah	3	4,989	1,268	25·41
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong	4	4,322	910	21·03
	Noakhally	1	2,455	263	10·71
PATNA ...	Patna	2	1,807	888	49·14
	Gya	4	1,065	454	42·62
	Shahabad	2	2,160	819	37·91
	Sarun	2	1,751	1,121	64·02
	Tirhoot	3	2,940	1,214	41·29
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	3	3,139	1,183	37·68
	Purneah	2	1,771	309	17·44
ORISSA ...	Cuttack	2	1,153	322	27·92
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore ...	6	1,360	466	34·26
	Total ...	77	82,787	20,147	24·33
ASSAM PROVINCE...	Assam Valley ...	10	2,841	542	19·07
	Sylhet	2	2,741	607	22·14
	Cachar	1	405	57	14·07
	Total ...	13	5,987	1,206	20·14

L.

APPEALS INSTITUTED, 1873—1877.

DISTRICTS.		1873.		1874.		1875.		1876		1877.	
BACKERGUNGE	Civ. ...	894		797		378		325		250	
	Rev. ...	...	894	...	797	412	790	399	724	346	596
BEERBHOOM ..	Civ. ...	244		231		202		160		204	
	Rev. ...	95	339	108	339	99	301	128	288	145	349
BHAUGULPORE	Civ. ..	573		1,017		488		404		398	
	Rev. ...	778	1,351	...	1,017	828	1,316	473	877	785	1,183
BURDWAN, EAST.	Civ. ...	620		763		565		578		677	
	Rev. ...	...	620	...	763	290	855	317	895	350	1,027
BURDWAN, WEST.	Civ. ...	219		186		167		152		137	
	Rev. ...	118	337	102	288	86	253	54	206	45	182
CHITTAGONG ...	Civ. ...	926		1,039		1,044		958		687	
	Rev. ...	370	1,296	301	1,340	304	1,348	310	1,268	223	910
CUTTACK ...	Civ. ...	247		282		268		308		248	
	Rev. .	52	299	56	338	71	339	51	359	74	322
DACCA ...	Civ. .	1,712		1,517		859		617		588	
	Rev. ...	..	1,712	...	1,547	626	1,485	289	906	345	933
DINAGEPORE ...	Civ ...	509		434		283		278		222	
	Rev. ...	...	509	...	434	118	401	148	426	146	368
FURREEDPORE	Civ. ...	...		...		62		308		306	
	Rev. ...	...	...	...	...	72	134	335	643	250	556
GYA ...	Civ. ..	403		484		265		335		285	
	Rev. .	.	403	...	484	151	416	158	493	169	454
HOOGHLY ...	Civ. ...	413		504		390		500		456	
	Rev. ...	247	660	242	746	269	659	359	859	362	818
JESSORE ...	Civ. ...	418		404		491		459		413	
	Rev. ...	518	936	677	1,081	410	931	408	867	500	913
MIDNAPORE .	Civ. ...	486		431		510		597		421	
	Rev. ..	331	817	260	691	289	799	377	974	248	669
MOORSHEDABAD.	Civ. ...	368		228		158		193		161	
	Rev. ..	209	577	188	416	156	314	191	384	353	514
MYMENSINGH	Civ. ...	1,186		1,075		814		726		640	
	Rev. ...	..	1,186	...	1,075	310	1,124	387	1,113	331	971
NOAKHALLY	Civ. ...	...		...		...		...		98	
	Rev. ..	...	..	.	...	..	...	...	...	165	263
NUDDEA ...	Civ. ...	556		711		271		283		268	
	Rev. ...	...	556	...	711	373	644	330	613	397	665
PATNA ...	Civ. ...	962		665		366		420		362	
	Rev. ...	...	962	..	665	282	648	474	894	526	888
PURNEAH ...	Civ. ...	436		354		170		137		127	
	Rev. ..	...	436	...	354	230	400	245	382	182	309
RAJSHAHYE ...	Civ. ...	324		309		261		350		329	
	Rev. ..	303	627	698	1,007	413	674	228	578	339	662

L.

APPEALS INSTITUTED, 1873—1877—concluded.

DISTRICTS.		1873.		1874.		1875.		1876.		1877.	
RUNGPORE ...	Civ. ...	816		566		385		339		300	
	Rev. ...	...	816	...	566	319	704	233	572	296	596
SARUN ...	Civ. ...	721		684		388		502		461	
	Rev. ...	1	722	3	687	290	678	529	1,031	660	1,121
SHAHABAD ...	Civ. ...	604		553		392		498		506	
	Rev. ...	...	604	...	553	234	626	472	970	313	819
TIPPERAH ...	Civ. ...	1,988		1,809		808		821		597	
	Rev. ...	...	1,988	...	1,809	894	1,702	820	1,641	671	1,268
TIRHOOT ...	Civ. ...	468		461		360		397		477	
	Rev. ...	559	1,027	366	827	287	647	353	750	737	1,214
24-PERGUNNAHS.	Civ. ...	1,418		1,370		654		670		635	
	Rev. ...		1,419	...	1,370	428	1,082	499	1,169	433	1,068
CHOTA NAGPORE.	Civ. ...	366		289		387		344		375	
	Rev. ...	86	452	47	336	114	501	110	454	91	466
JULPIGOREE & DARJEELING	Civ. ...	55		61		44		77		38	
	Rev. ..	8	63	9	70	15	59	9	86	5	43
Grand Total	Civ. ...	17,932		17,254		11,430		11,736		10,660	
	Rev. ...	3,676	21,608	3,057	20,311	8,400	19,830	8,686	20,422	9,487	20,147
Total of Regn. Dists.	Civ. ...	17,511		16,904		10,999		11,315		10,247	
	Rev. ...	3,582	21,093	3,001	19,905	8,271	19,270	8,567	19,882	9,391	19,638
Total of Non-Regn. Dists.	Civ. ...	421		350		431		421		413	
	Rev. ...	94	515	56	406	129	560	119	540	96	509
ASSAM VALLEY	Civ. ...	691		595		725		748		542	
	Rev. ...	5	696	6	601	5	730	...	748	...	542
SYLHET ...	Civ. ...	579		604		787		637		472	
	Rev. ...	71	650	63	667	142	929	58	695	135	607
CACHAR ...	Civ. ...	99		79		84		69		57	
	Rev. ...	...	99	...	79	...	84	...	69	...	57
Total ...	Civ. ...	1,369		1,278		1,596		1,454		1,071	
	Rev. ...	76	1,445	69	1,347	147	1,743	58	1,512	135	1,206

M.

APPEALS HOW DISPOSED OF.

DIVISION	DISTRICT.	Confirmed	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	763	110	200	23	58	1,154
	Burdwan, West .	107	17	57	2	...	183
	Beerbhoom ...	254	24	73	11	5	367
	Midnapore ...	334	48	178	17	10	587
	Hooghly ...	350	40	146	4	36	576
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	696	103	153	28	32	1,012
	Nuddea ...	369	72	138	14	16	609
	Jessore ...	338	52	105	48	52	595
	Moorshedabad ...	352	240	38	8	18	656
RAJSHAHYE ...	Dinagepore ...	258	45	62	39	10	414
	Rajshahye ..	258	75	124	8	30	495
	Rungpore ...	416	67	185	59	47	774
AND COOCH BEHAR ...	Julpigoree and Darjelling ...	38	2	14	1	...	55
DACCA ...	Dacca ...	670	116	236	12	28	1,062
	Furreedpore ...	320	24	112	9	10	475
	Backergunge ...	377	19	117	21	34	568
	Mymensingh ...	540	143	273	31	18	1,005
	Tipperah ...	839	95	245	24	51	1,254
CHITTAGONG .	Chittagong ...	740	124	233	28	149	1,274
	Noakhally ...	146	26	37	5	23	237
PATNA ...	Patna ...	310	31	103	5	2	451
	Gya ...	358	29	101	23	28	539
	Shahabad ...	530	97	185	16	17	845
	Sarun ...	487	...	212	105	55	859
	Tirhoot ...	576	95	101	431	36	1,239
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore ...	808	207	197	53	102	1,367
	Purneah ...	175	5	61	4	2	247
ORISSA ...	Cuttack ...	233	15	61	1	20	330
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore ...	238	45	94	22	25	424
	Total ...	**11,880**	**1,966**	**3,841**	**1,052**	**914**	**19,653**
ASSAM PROVINCE ...	Assam Valley ...	409	29	146	19	26	629
	Sylhet ...	456	58	96	10	6	626
	Cachar ...	38	13	13	7	1	72
	Total ...	**903**	**100**	**255**	**36**	**33**	**1,327**

N.

MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending	
		1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.	1876.	1877.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East ...	91	81	98	101	21	1
	Burdwan, West ...	22	25	26	22	1	4
	Beerbhoom ...	38	24	46	38	16	2
	Midnapore ...	40	44	40	33	13	24
	Hooghly ...	52	68	63	42	7	33
PRESIDENCY ..	24-Pergunnahs ...	55	59	67	68	2	...
	Nuddea	81	49	49	92	60	17
	Jessore	85	86	43	86	61	61
	Moorshedabad ...	25	27	15	38	14	3
RAJSHAHYE ... AND	Dinagepore ...	44	29	40	19	8	18
	Rajshahye ...	112	67	58	155	145	59
	Rungpore... ...	39	41	60	63	38	16
COOCH BEHAR	Julpigoree and Darjeeling	7	4	5	6	3	1
DACCA ..	Dacca	52	61	70	72	25	16
	Furreedpore ...	39	45	35	50	18	13
	Backergunge ...	85	50	84	65	16	2
	Mymensingh ...	92	132	83	162	61	31
	Tipperah	145	161	154	127	119	107
CHITTAGONG ..	Chittagong ..	88	101	116	78	19	37
	Noakhally ...	...	7	..	54	...	5
PATNA ...	Patna .. .	111	75	85	68	75	82
	Gya	55	76	28	141	125	61
	Shahabad	42	56	55	52	3	7
	Sarun	56	61	48	47	26	41
	Tirhoot .. .	60	50	67	67	26	9
BHAUGULPORE	Bhaugulpore ..	54	58	59	62	24	20
	Purneah	50	32	47	34	3	1
ORISSA .. .	Cuttack	20	13	34	15	2	...
CHOTA NAGPORE .	Chota Nagpore .	61	70	57	59	18	29
	Total ...	1,701	1,652	1,632	1,916	949	700
ASSAM PROVINCE	Assam Valley .	68	29	60	29	12	3
	Sylhet	38	34	39	46	25	15
	Cachar	1	1	1	1	...	...
	Total ...	107	64	100	76	37	18

O.

BUSINESS OF THE COURTS OF SMALL CAUSES, 1877.

SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

DIVISION.	COURT.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1877.	Total for disposal.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex-parte.	Dismissed ex-parte.	Contested. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Contested. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
BURDWAN ...	Midnapore ...	110	1,247	1,357	...	212	15	91	567	192	7	145	65	1,292	65
	Hooghly ...	29	574	603	5	47	21	84	142	101	...	114	39	553	50
	Serampore ...	49	1,248	1,297	10	121	41	132	310	356	1	223	64	1,261	36
	Howrah ...	77	1,961	2,038	10	198	88	182	469	407	1	477	124	1,956	82
PRESIDENCY.	Sealdah ...	256	4,380	4,636	21	529	4	646	763	1,245	14	830	335	4,387	293
	Dum-Dum Cantonment ...	1	26	27	1	1	...	4	9	3	...	7	2	27	...
	Barrackpore Cantonment.	1	110	111	...	24	...	4	18	20	...	28	15	109	1
	Krishnaghur ...	124	1,735	1,859	4	196	16	151	617	443	3	311	122	1,863	28
	Ranaghat ...	65	1,416	1,481	1	259	16	108	411	321	7	216	129	1,468	48
	Meherpur ...	51	1,542	1,593	...	137	11	162	702	268	8	214	75	1,577	52
	Kooshteah ...	141	2,173	2,314	...	196	42	356	550	285	15	520	246	2,210	104
	Chooadangah ...	4	1,381	1,385	...	59	27	340	486	182	6	172	99	1,371	22
	Jessore ...	73	5,102	5,175	...	783	94	1,209	924	1,060	61	609	339	5,079	96
	Magoorah ...	67	1,802	1,869	1	242	63	170	411	536	6	252	111	1,792	77
	Jenidah ...	65	2,505	2,570	6	174	65	146	1,071	520	5	308	158	2,453	117
	Narail ...	148	3,053	3,201	3	328	146	127	553	1,219	15	461	210	3,062	139
RAJSHAHYE ...	Berhampore S. C. Court ...	12	192	204	...	15	7	11	34	53	...	58	15	193	11
	Beauleah ...	12	538	550	1	49	25	84	108	139	3	89	34	532	18
	Pubna ...	97	986	1,083	...	149	38	63	356	149	8	163	82	999	84
COOCHBEHAR	Darjeeling ...	96	916	1,012	...	96	8	157	212	366	1	92	12	944	68
DACCA.	Dacca ...	134	2,925	3,059	7	387	59	590	491	920	6	364	120	2,944	138
	Moonsheegunge	169	2,736	2,905	19	609	35	210	182	1,423	10	217	90	2,795	149
	Bhangah ...	27	585	612	1	94	7	23	65	313	1	52	34	590	22
	Furreedpore ...	135	1,063	1,198	...	339	29	63	149	430	1	90	49	1,150	80
	Backergunge ...	77	1,572	1,649	...	198	23	164	217	628	30	150	107	1,517	132
PATNA	Patna ...	60	752	812	4	12	7	123	178	174	36	130	63	727	89
	Dinapore ...	23	290	313	4	66	2	34	56	52	2	54	30	300	14
	Dinapore Cantonment ...	5	109	114	...	20	...	16	17	26	2	18	9	108	6
BHAUGULPORE.	Monghyr ...	100	1,663	1,763	1	322	2	239	342	508	9	184	90	1,697	72
	Bhaugulpore ...	217	1,743	1,960	4	478	8	189	361	472	12	239	132	1,895	70
ORISSA...	Cuttack ...	127	3,118	3,245	1	610	293	493	643	445	16	331	191	3,023	222
	Total ...	2,552	49,443	51,995	104	6,944	1,192	6,371	11,414	13,256	286	7,116	3,191	49,874	2,385

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BUSINESS OF THE COURTS OF SMALL CAUSES FOR 1876 AND 1877.

DIVISION.	COURT	1876. SUITS. Instituted.	1876. SUITS. Disposed of.	1876. SUITS. Pending.	1877. SUITS. Instituted.	1877. SUITS. Disposed of.	1877. SUITS. Pending.
BURDWAN ...	Midnapore	990	915	110	1,247	1,292	65
	Hooghly ...	636	639	29	574	553	50
	Serampore	1,067	1,018	49	1,218	1,261	36
	Howrah	1,921	1,960	77	1,961	1,956	82
PRESIDENCY ...	Sealdah	4,397	4,382	256	4,380	4,387	293
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	19	50	1	26	27	...
	Barrackpore Do. ...	158	157	1	110	109	1
	Krishnaghur . ..	1,903	1,912	121	1,735	1,863	28
	Ranaghat	1,220	1,236	65	1,416	1,468	48
	Meherpore	1,320	1,371	51	1,512	1,577	52
	Kooshteah	2,281	2,266	111	2,173	2,210	104
	Chooadangah ...	1,239	1,249	4	1,381	1,371	22
	Jessore	5,191	5,319	73	5,102	5,079	96
	Magoorah	1,676	1,687	67	1,802	1,792	77
	Jenidah	2,143	2,154	65	2,505	2,153	117
	Narail	2,891	2,891	118	3,053	3,062	139
RAJSHAHYE ...	Berhampore S. C. Court ...	216	213	12	192	193	11
	Beauleah ...	610	615	12	538	532	18
	Pubna	1,200	1,201	97	986	999	84
COOCH BEHAR	Darjeeling	1,084	1,017	96	916	944	68
DACCA ...	Dacca	2,787	2,747	131	2,925	2,911	138
	Moonsheegunge ...	2,111	2,125	169	2,736	2,795	149
	Bhangah	591	771	27	585	590	22
	Furreedpore	1,014	918	135	1,063	1,150	80
	Backergunge	1,052	1,026	77	1,572	1,517	132
PATNA ...	Patna	764	759	60	752	727	89
	Dinapore	273	256	23	290	300	14
	Do. Cantonment ...	116	115	5	109	108	6
BHAUGULPORE.	Monghyr	1,560	1,555	100	1,663	1,697	72
	Bhaugulpore	2,032	2,094	217	1,743	1,895	70
ORISSA ...	Cuttack	2,629	2,611	127	3,118	3,023	222
	Total ...	**47,423**	**47,652**	**2,552**	**49,443**	**49,874**	**2,385**

O—2.

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF BY OFFICERS EXERCISING SMALL CAUSE COURT POWERS UP TO Rs. 50 IN VALUE UNDER SECTION 29, ACT VI OF 1871.

1877.

SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

DISTRICTS	Suits remaining from last year	Instituted in 1877.	Total for disposal.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession	Decreed ex-parte	Dismissed ex-parte	Contested: Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or part	Contested: Judgment for Defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Remarks.
Backergunge ...	.	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Beerbhoom ...	10	221	231	...	13	3	21	70	45	11	39	20	221	4	
Bhaugulpore ...	.	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	..	...	.	
Burdwan, East ...	84	1,100	1,184	...	72	20	207	334	304	153	192	101	1,383	101	
Burdwan, West	9	433	412	...	16	6	36	211	69	...	66	19	423	19	
Chittagong ...	11	361	372	...	73	15	35	18	151	.	50	18	360	13	
Cuttack ...	106	1,634	1,740	...	421	9	198	278	261	177	151	98	1,599	153	
Dacca ...	231	2,651	2,882	.	80	49	128	81	1,159	872	203	164	2,736	128	
Dinagepore ...	14	859	873	1	73	...	83	131	147	94	261	58	851	25	
Furreedpore ...	352	2,222	2,571		233	84	206	94	1,054	488	222	103	2,484	65	
Gya ...	10	167	177	...	11	...	49	17	33	1	38	18	170	7	
Hooghly ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	..	...	
Jessore ..	16	750	766	...	25	30	68	173	199	109	100	56	760	7	
Midnapore ...	140	2,448	2,588	6	599	45	458	481	397	99	199	141	2,425	274	
Moorshedabad ...	90	1,617	1,707	1	179	24	221	248	450	119	310	118	1,670	50	
Mymensingh .	77	973	1,050	...	29	5	41	148	321	317	75	46	982	87	
Noakhally .	38	793	831	...	186	5	64	67	308	11	71	26	741	62	
Nuddea ...	56	1,261	1,317	...	179	4	238	190	273	129	161	99	1,276	42	
Patna ...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
Purneah ...	89	877	966	1	330	...	125	74	249	...	85	32	896	70	
Rajshahye ...	116	1,395	1,511	...	135	13	146	261	533	102	113	58	1,361	163	
Rungpore	161	2,373	2,537	10	170	17	138	272	1,284	601	370	127	2,989	195	
Sarun ...	19	330	349	...	89	4	60	61	56	...	34	22	329	24	
Shahabad ..	...	..	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Tipperah ..	84	2,195	2,579	...	391	6	151	335	940	59	282	140	2,307	272	
Tirhoot .	...	...	...		...	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
24-Pergunnahs ...	219	4,673	4,892	3	955	86	990	626	1,096	53	587	368	4,761	260	
Chota Nagpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	
Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	...	
Total ..	**1,935**	**29,933**	**31,868**	**22**	**4,267**	**425**	**3,666**	**4.173**	**9,332**	**3,395**	**3,618**	**1,832**	**30,730**	**2,021**	
Assam ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
Sylhet ...	30	442	472	7	45	6	31	21	177	48	71	49	455	10	
Cachar ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	....	
Total .	**30**	**442**	**472**	**7**	**45**	**6**	**1**	**21**	**177**	**48**	**71**	**49**	**455**	**10**	

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WORK DONE BY DISTRICT JUDGES, 1877.

DISTRICT.	Days Civil.	Days Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	No. of Sessions Trials.	No. of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	85	135	...	210	118	65	84	157†
Beerbhoom	172	61	42	322	201	38	25	20
Bhaugulpore	180	85	6	225	516	62	47	123
Burdwan, East	218	31	30	526	551	101	31	78
„ West	221	35	28	279	183	22	9*	10
Chittagong	106	11	...	72	170	29		42
Cuttack	139	89	1	115	305	15	52	225
Dacca	147	112	23	570	404	72	79	129
Dinagepore	50	195	...	95	14	19	77	53
Furreedpore	125	138	2	179	279	50	49	129
Gya	197	56	...	218	89	98	29	67
Hooghly	129	91	10	508	143	42	27	130
Jessore	100	166		172	76	86	65	216
Midnapore	123	130	2	377	208	33	53	204
Moorshedabad	190	59	7	262	593	38	32	145
Mymensingh	117	148		175	53	162	55	191
Noakhaily	127	41	11	225	237	54	18	32‡
Nuddea	118	143	5	366	202	92	74	179
Patna	154	80	3	757	291	68	51	171
Purneah	190	55	2	136	246	34	23	60
Rajshahye	92¾	156¼	2	132	36	25	35	68
Rungpore	170	94	...	231	405	63	88	220
Sarun	213	32	.	351	678	47	46	68
Shahabad	177	61	...	381	475	52	34	46
Tipperah	170	63	7	238	319	127	41	145
Tirhoot	135	101	4	341	669	67	65	82
24-Pergunnahs	231	16	4	1,037	451	62	2	148
Chota Nagpore	121	114	...	9	173	32	77	93
Julpigoree and Darjeeling	104	28	..	56	55	6	25	18
Total ...	4,301¾	2,529¼	189	8,565	8,170	1,661	1,293	3,249
Assam	58	41	2	69	152	10	33	97
Sylhet	143½	78	9	316	258	46	47	109§
Cachar	. .	9	13	39	72	1	11	11‖
Total ...	201½	131	24	424	482	57	91	217

* The Sessions Judge of West Burdwan also held Sessions in July 1877 at Burdwan.
† Besides these appeals, 32 criminal motions were disposed of during the year.
‡ Besides these, 19 criminal motions were disposed of during the year.
§ Besides these, 16 miscellaneous criminal motions were disposed of during the year.
‖ Besides these appeals, 9 miscellaneous criminal motions and 4 references under Sec 36, C. C. P., were disposed of during the year.

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WORK DONE BY ADDITIONAL JUDGES.

DISTRICT.	Days Civil.	Days Criminal	Original Suits	Miscellaneous Regular Cases	Regular Appeals	Miscellaneous Appeals	No of Sessions Trials	No of Criminal Appeals
Gya	...	51	...	.	7	43	5	...
Hooghly	..	30	..	.	...	...	19	...
Tipperah	36	20	..	.	107	...	13	...
24-Pergunnahs	123	119	4	11	232	6	59	12
Chittagong	123½	64½	3	328	177	49	44	21
Rajshahye	52	56	...	2	32	130	43	39
Patna	.	...	...	4	80	...	...	...
Total	334½	340½	7	345	635	228	183	72

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WORK DONE BY SUBORDINATE JUDGES.

DISTRICTS		1876.				1877.			
		Original suits disposed of.	Miscellaneous	Regular appeals disposed of.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Original suits disposed of.	Miscellaneous	Regular appeals disposed of.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Backergunge	1st Subordinate Judge ...	71	138	290	...	103	360	268	...
	2nd ditto ...	55	443	312	...	84	224	182	...
Beerbhoom	... ...	21	67	121	...	26	29	166	...
Bhaugulpore	1st Subordinate Judge ...	273	803	464	...	370	781	597	...
	2nd ditto ...	...	2	92	...	97	37	224	...
Burdwan, East.	1st ditto ...	154	630	286	...	160	623	288	...
	2nd ditto ...	16	23	288	...	6	30	315	...
Burdwan, West	... .	...	.	..	...	...	...	..	..
Chittagong	1st Subordinate Judge ...	53	121	495	...	67	160	521	...
	2nd ditto ...	45	147	523	...	40	231	406	
Cuttack	... ...	82	214	59	...	107	365	25	...
Dacca	1st Subordinate Judge ...	164	628	372	...	160	516	314	...
	2nd ditto ...	26	11	471	...	32	35	344	...
Dinagepore	... ...	484	294	217	...	660	300	400	...
Furreedpore	. ...	47	180	142	..	69	114	196	...
Gya	Subordinate Judge .	272	799	385	...	173	909	375	...
	Additional Judge ...	..	...	..		2	5	68	...
Hooghly	Subordinate Judge ...	171	651	274	...	175	495	299	...
	Small Cause Court Judge with powers of Sub. Judge	3	...	218	...	...	...	134	...
Jessore	... . .	114	462	413	.	90	397	519	...
Midnapore	1st Subordinate Judge	147	469	315	.	135	499	201	...
	2nd ditto	1	4	313	...	1	6	178	...
Moorshedabad	...	137	421	112	.	155	381	63	
Mymensingh	1st Subordinate Judge ...	75	410	670	...	42	202	384	...
	2nd ditto ..	71	308	705	...	70	232	568	.
Noakhally	.. . .	...	.	...	...	.	...	...	...
Nuddea	1st Subordinate Judge	124	352	183	. .	124	269	257	...
	2nd ditto .	. .	7	210	...	.	7	150	...
Patna	1st ditto ...	263	800	259	...	280	983	80	...
	2nd ditto ...	11	11		...		...	...	...
Purneah	... ...	109	363	2	...	99	359	1	...
Rajshahye	1st Subordinate Judge ...	5	312	401	1	9	213	317	...
	2nd ditto ...	102	86	10	...	100	148	110	...
Rungpore	1st ditto ...	68	208	415	...	105	219	369	...
	2nd ditto ...	...	...	278	...	...	..	...	...
Sarun	... .	216	707	138	..	184	629	181	...
Shahabad	... ...	176	572	483	...	159	720	370	...
Tipperah	1st Subordinate Judge ..	125	543	524	...	103	444	568	.
	2nd ditto ...	38	93	196	.	28	46	260	...
Tirhoot	1st ditto ...	310	1,470	216	. .	281	1,449	193	...
	2nd ditto ..	147	13	207	...	151	100	377	...
24-Pergunnahs.	1st ditto ...	134	280	125		122	257	155	...
	2nd ditto ...	83	271	200	...	107	187	174	
Chota Nagpore	... ...	182	743	224	34	167	808	251	27
Julpigoree and Darjeeling	... . .	33	96	.	.	23	58	...	..
	Total ...	4,608	14,155	11,638	35	4,866	13,860	10,848	27
Assam	... ...	38	124	510	37	35	86	477	19
Sylhet	... ...	718	409	611	...	630	468	368	...
Cachar	... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	756	533	1,151	37	665	554	845	19

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1876.		1877.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
BACKERGUNGE ...	1st, Burrisal	1,407	1,730	1,438	1,891	
	2nd, do.	1,597	1,869	1,569	1,725	
	3rd, do.	1,276	1,104	1,556	1,200	
	4th, do.	396	16	...	...	
	1st, Perozepore ...	1,676	1,852	2,037	2,008	
	2nd, do. ...	1,056	652	1,340	952	
	Patooakhali	1,818	1,448	1,466	1,925	
	Dhukinshabazpore ...	1,898	1,724	1,548	913	
	Extra at Burrisal ...	...	...	781	44	
	Extra at Patooakhali ...	669	14	730	71	
	Total ...	**11,793**	**10,409**	**12,465**	**10,729**	
BEERBHOOM ..	Sooree	1,163	1,439	1,174	1,176	
	Doobrajpore	1,138	1,488	1,301	1,194	
	Bolepore	1,568	1,962	1,379	1,422	
	Mowreshwar... ...	..	...	933	499	
	Total ...	**4,169**	**4,889**	**4,787**	**4,291**	
BHAUGULPORE .	Sudder	2,165	1,205	1,630	1,175	
	Monghyr	2,299	1,670	2,181	1,809	
	Moddeypoora ...	1,667	1,116	1,703	1,152	
	Begusarai	1,510	1,527	1,362	1,597	
	Jumooyee	737	598	785	435	
	Banka	...	...	659	237	
	Total ...	**8,378**	**6,116**	**8,320**	**6,405**	
BURDWAN, EAST	1st, Sudder	2,056	1,751	1,949	1,483	
	2nd, do.	1,769	1,646	1,637	1,708	
	1st, Culna	1,609	1,542	1,749	1,843	
	2nd, do.		...	289	4	
	1st, Cutwa	3,159	2,429	2,713	2,584	
	2nd, do.		...	199	6	
	Bood-Bood	2,310	2,668	2,803	2,756	
	Raneegunge	1,340	1,329	1,445	1,330	
	1st, Jhehanabad ...	1,968	2,567	1,796	2,617	
	2nd, do. ...	...	...	730	25	
	Extra at Culna ...	412	5	...	...	
	Do. Jhehanabad ...	312	2	...	...	
	Do. Cutwa ...	220	...	...	...	
	Total ...	**15,155**	**13,939**	**15,310**	**14,356**	
BURDWAN, WEST	Bancoorah	1,070	1,375	1,141	1,078	
	Bishenpore	1,664	2,636	1,564	2,742	
	Gungajulghatty ...	860	1,293	997	1,184	
	Total ...	**3,594**	**5,304**	**3,702**	**5,004**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS —continued.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1876.		1877.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
CHITTAGONG ...	Sudder	1,352	1,350	1,409	1,389	
	Do., 2nd at Kumaraia	1,392	1,088	900	590	
	Puttea	1,560	1,799	1,553	1,720	
	Howlah	1,217	1,419	1,222	1,339	
	Sundip	1,227	1,219	298	299	
	Hathbazaree ...	1,284	1,014	1,401	1,217	
	Futtickcherry ...	1,255	954	1,444	1,232	
	Raojan	1,138	1,254	1,428	1,521	
	2nd, do. at Rungoneah ...	957	703	951	819	
	Satkaneah	1,727	1,497	1,473	1,456	
	Cox's Bazar	560	337	577	391	
	Deang	1,049	1,021	886	983	
	Total ...	14,718	13,655	13,542	12,956	
CUTTACK ...	Sudder	936	782	914	770	
	Balasore	1,225	1,422	1,300	1,432	
	Pooree	1,365	1,041	1,514	957	
	Jujpore	1,277	822	1,450	1,105	
	Total ..	4,803	4,067	5,178	4,264	
DACCA ...	1st, Sudder	1,037	857	1,829	1,068	
	2nd, do.	2,592	1,547	2,001	1,621	
	Kaligunge	2,723	1,108	2,705	1,285	
	1st, Moonsheegunge ...	2,549	1,973	2,452	2,085	
	2nd, do. ...	2,572	1,515	2,618	1,610	
	Extra do. ...	284	5	...	...	
	1st, Manickgunge ...	2,070	1,395	2,260	1,388	
	2nd, do. ...	1,957	797	1,888	970	
	Extra at Sudder ...	263	8	...	...	
	Total ...	16,047	9,205	15,753	10,027	
DINAGEPORE ...	Sudder	1,805	1,243	1,691	1,150	
	Beergunge	1,271	574	1,235	755	
	Thackoorgong ...	1,977	1,328	1,642	1,074	
	Hemtabad	1,008	512	1,347	756	
	Maldah	2,329	1,489	2,189	1,337	
	Shibgunge	930	802	1,205	793	
	Gungarampore ...	777	367	754	308	
	Putnitollah	1,287	668	1,215	723	
	Chintamon	1,315	545	1,037	514	
	Extra at Sudder ...	201	...	...	...	
	Total ...	12,900	7,528	12,315	7,410	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS—continued.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1876.		1877.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
FURREEDPORE ...	Suddor	1,563	2,081	1,338	1,646	
	Goalundo	2,687	2,103	2,663	2,273	
	1st, Bhangah ...	3,025	2,007	1,255	1,435	
	2nd, do.	1,660	1,630	3,380	2,066	
	Madaripore	2,115	1,484	2,022	1,502	
	Mulfutgunge ...	1,897	1,005	1,370	1,134	
	Extra, Goalundo ...	263	28	...	...	
	Do. Mulfutgunge ...	269	4	417	9	
	Do. Madaripore ...	122	...	...	...	
	Total ...	13,601	10,342	12,445	10,065	
GYA ...	1st, Sudder	919	1,874	911	1,495	
	2nd, do.	809	797	836	905	
	Arungabad	374	377	404	481	
	Total ...	2,102	3,048	2,151	2,881	
HOOGHLY ...	1st, Sudder	679	660	885	638	
	2nd, do.	1,398	969	1,567	1,003	
	3rd, do.	388	8	...	...	
	Harripal	1,133	741	1,465	1,093	
	1st, Serampore ...	1,995	1,697	1,850	1,754	
	2nd, do. ...	270	11	763	38	
	1st, Moheshrikba ...	1,801	2,268	1,197	953	
	2nd, do. ...	915	796	1,525	1,948	
	3rd, do. ...	329	66	675	18	
	Howrah	1,514	1,295	1,576	1,323	
	Total ...	10,422	8,514	11,503	8,768	
JESSORE ...	1st, Sudder	1,983	3,180	1,813	2,202	
	2nd, do.	1,702	2,103	2,295	2,225	
	3rd, do.	2,003	1,572	2,002	2,441	
	4th, do.	508	50	...	...	
	Khoolneah	2,962	2,200	3,005	2,628	
	Narail, 1st	1,404	1,802	2,705	2,729	
	Do. 2nd	1,052	756	...	...	
	Magoorah	1,859	1,212	1,804	1,133	
	Baghirhat	2,454	2,542	2,900	2,704	
	Jhenidah	1,932	1,601	2,061	1,398	
	Total ...	17,859	17,018	18,585	17,460	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS—continued.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE	1876.		1877.		REMARKS
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES	
MIDNAPORE ...	1st, Sudder	3,139	3,540	1,960	2,500	
	2nd, do.	1,720	1,536	1,955	1,749	
	Gurbetta ...	1,915	1,860	1,842	2,033	
	Tumlook	2,122	1,490	2,358	1,684	
	Nemal	3,007	2,302	3,362	2,350	
	Dantoon	882	591	682	446	
	Ghattal	990	1,072	1,001	844	
	Total ...	13,775	12,391	13,160	11,606	
MOORSHEDABAD	1st, Sudder . .	2,765	1,977	2,143	1,803	
	2nd, do. . . .	2,589	2,302	2,856	1,781	
	Jungypore ..	2,199	1,717	2,351	1,425	
	Do. 2nd .	...		251		
	Azimgunge ...	2,410	2,256	2,308	1,780	
	Rampore Haut	1,583	1,663	1,599	1,279	
	Extra at Sudder	400	...		.	
	Total	11,946	9,945	11,811	8,068	
MYMENSINGH	Sudder	2,427	1,721	2,196	1,655	
	Attiah ...	2,517	1,974	1,968	1,716	
	Bazitpore ...	1,410	1,454	1,551	1,269	
	Ghosgong	1,394	1,170	1,467	1,110	
	Ishragunge ...	1,287	760	1,315	882	
	1st, Nettrokona	1,577	1,292	2,463	1,906	
	2nd, do. ...	1,579	944	.	...	
	Extra do. .			631	29	
	Niklee	2,207	2,239	1,103	1,254	
	2nd, do.	...	...	1,273	900	
	Jamalpore	1,487	1,387	1,485	1,255	
	Sherepore ..	764	672	710	759	
	Pingnah . ..	1,504	1,113	1,396	1,157	
	Extra at Attiah ..	303	10	262	11	
	Total .	18,456	14,736	17,853	13,906	
NOAKHALLY ...	Soodharam	...	.	3,301	1,266	
	Sundeep	. .	.	910	670	
	Begumgunge ...	...	..	3,898	1,032	
	Dewangunge ..	.	...	2,228	930	
	Total ...	.	..	10,337	3,898	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS —continued.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1876. Regular Suits.	1876. Miscellaneous Cases.	1877. Regular Suits.	1877. Miscellaneous Cases.	Remarks.
Nuddea ...	Kishnaghur	1,183	2,318	1,213	1,349	
	Chooadangah ...	404	505	794	554	
	Meherpore	670	991	634	802	
	1st, Bongong ...	2,128	1,257	2,182	1,360	
	2nd, do.	978	1,158	910	1,273	
	Ranaghat	956	963	1,127	759	
	1st, Kooshteah ...	1,307	1,375	1,153	1,420	
	2nd, do. ...	397	19	528	45	
	Total ...	**8,023**	**8,586**	**8,541**	**7,562**	
Patna ...	1st, Sudder	422	84	529	360	
	2nd, do. ...	1,108	938	1,047	1,271	
	3rd, do. ...	1,020	1,741	1,016	1,391	
	Behar	627	865	667	1,004	
	Total ...	**3,177**	**3,628**	**3,259**	**4,026**	
Purneah ...	1st, Sudder	2,318	2,254	2,521	1,840	
	2nd, do.	67	103	...	...	
	Kishengunge ...	2,086	1,392	1,812	1,157	
	Arrareeah	2,430	2,793	2,630	3,531	
	Kudba	994	937	1,205	875	
	Total ...	**7,895**	**7,479**	**8,168**	**7,403**	
Rajshahye ...		1,682	1,165	1,950	1,509	
	Beauleah	1,612	1,254	1,376	1,013	
	Nattore	1,232	889	1,324	930	
	Pubna	1,690	1,719	1,226	1,452	
	Shazadpore	2,581	1,854	2,224	1,478	
	Sherajgunge ...					
	Total ...	**8,797**	**6,881**	**8,100**	**6,382**	
Rungpore ...	Sudder	2,622	1,159	2,352	1,037	
	Bhotmaree	1,928	1,115	2,468	1,523	
	1st, Borrobarree ...	2,474	1,644	2,743	1,722	
	2nd, do.	193	4	1,122	111	
	1st, Buddergunge ...	1,919	1,172	1,555	1,212	
	2nd, do.	725	51	1,406	134	
	Olipore	1,403	774	1,377	846	
	1st, Gaibunda ...	1,276	733	2,122	1,068	
	2nd, do.	1,077	84	...	...	
	Bograh	2,680	2,099	2,053	2,082	
	Total ...	**16,297**	**8,835**	**17,198**	**9,735**	

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WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS—continued.

DISTRICT.	MONSIFFEE	1876. Regular Suits	1876. Miscellaneous Cases	1877. Regular Suits.	1877. Miscellaneous Cases	REMARKS
SARUN	Chuprah	1,610	1,716	1,110	2,171	
	Pursa	1,376	938	1,224	1,051	
	Sewan	1,096	1,151	961	1,203	
	Motiharee	1,028	788	1,273	696	
	Total	5,110	4,623	4,871	5,124	
SHAHABAD	1st, Arrah	1,788	1,782	1,333	1,317	
	2nd, do.	1,412	1,008	2,096	1,986	
	Buxar	1,079	1,118	1,211	1,570	
	Sussceram ...	977	636	1,157	705	
	Extra at Arrah	255		177	...	
	Do. Buxar	383	...	119		
	Total	5,894	4,824	6,126	5,578	
TIPPERAH	1st, Comillah	1,835	1,199	2,025	1,285	
	2nd, do.	1,015	771	1,125	1,008	
	3rd, do.	972	362	612	319	
	Cushba Noornuggur	1,329	1,197	1,563	1,374	
	1st, Brahmunbariah	1,933	1,167	2,169	1,787	
	2nd, do.	1,809	1,311	1,912	1,319	
	3rd, do.	248	3	601	22	
	1st, Mooradnuggur	1,818	1,233	2,101	1,263	
	2nd, do.	1,751	1,157	1,152	1,163	
	3rd, do.	450	203	1,355	199	
	Tobkibograh ...	1,860	1,133	2,318	1,392	
	Ramroygram	1,550	1,166	1,666	1,659	
	1st, Soodharam	2,331	1,766			See Noakhally for the cases disposed of by these Moonsiffs in 1877.
	2nd, do. ...	1,582	527			
	Begumgunge, 1st	1,540	1,284			
	Do. 2nd	925	49	...		
	Ameergong, 1st	1,559	1,676			
	Do. 2nd	289	5			
	Total	24,832	16,512	18,962	12,820	
TIRHOOT	Mozuffeipore	1,533	1,769	2,110	1,800	
	Durbungha ...	992	727	1,038	860	
	Mudhoobanee	595	758	653	753	
	Tajpore	588	791	1,148	669	
	Hajeepore	837	1,063	1,107	1,167	
	Seetamarhee	694	760	1,026	809	
	Total	5,239	5,868	7,082	6,058	

P 4.

WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS—continued.

DISTRICT	MOONSIFFEE	1876. Regular Suits.	1876. Miscellaneous Cases.	1877. Regular Suits	1877. Miscellaneous Cases	Remarks
24-Pergunnahs	1st, Alipore	1,680	1,347	1,737	1,322	
	2nd, do.	1,799	1,356	1,288	1,533	
	Extra, at do.	.		166	3	
	1st, Diamond Harbour	2,039	1,353	2,758	1,535	
	2nd, do.	2 379	2,088	1,939	1,892	
	Extra at do.	.	...	607	17	
	Barripore	2,011	1,085	2,118	1,089	
	Extra at do.	...	...	140		
	Sealdah	2,032	1,578	1,772	1,211	
	1st, Baraset	2,009	2,555	1,939	1,113	
	2nd, do.	1,974	1,567	1,788	1,335	
	1st, Bushirhat	1,424	916	1,511	978	
	2nd, do.	1,319	929	1,391	911	
	1st, Satkhirah	2,131	1,477	1,695	1,360	
	2nd, do.	1,814	1,323	1,787	1,129	
	Extra at do.			291	7	
	Total	**22,647**	**17,574**	**22,933**	**16,038**	
Chota Nagpore	Hazareebaugh	245	123	283	145	
	Lohardagga	140	172	112	211	
	Purulia	857	1,330	850	1,089	
	Manbazar	690	1,161	681	1,684	
	Rughonathpore	555	1,254	698	1,154	
	Khurukdia	617	168	187	374	
	Chittra	167	188	186	114	
	Ranchee	426	573	431	551	
	Palamow	245	217	104	219	
	Total	**3,942**	**5,816**	**4,168**	**5,877**	
Cooch Behar	1st, Julpigooree	1,155	697	1,432	823	
	2nd, do.	383	...			
	Darjeeling	86	31	117	96	
	Terai	207	110	133	69	
	Falacotta	192	78	169	102	
	Total	**2,023**	**916**	**1,881**	**1,090**	
	Grand Total	**2,93,594**	**2,42,648**	**3,00,506**	**2,39,787**	
Assam Vallly	Gowalpara	698	93	667	81	
	Dhoobree	565	54	501	51	
	Gowhatty	1,158	86	1,063	63	
	Burpettah	666	47	728	51	
	Nowgong	1,503	160	1,571	101	
	Durrung	501	42	551	40	
	Mungledey	569	14	612	14	
	Seebsagore	527	28	786	31	
	Golaghat	183	41	416	34	
	Debrooghur	475	65	400	47	
	North Lukhimpore	400	22	217	14	
	Total	**7,545**	**652**	**7,515**	**530**	

P 4.

WORK DONE BY MOONSIFFS—concluded.

DISTRICT.	MOONSIFFEE.	1876.		1877.		REMARKS.
		REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	REGULAR SUITS.	MISCELLANEOUS CASES.	
SYLHET	1st, Sudder	1,491	1,060	1,338	1,240	
	2nd, do.	1,251	902	1,724	1,006	
	Karimgunge... ...	1,601	668	1,335	958	
	Sonamgunge... ...	768	436	1,116	705	
	Nubeegunge	1,952	1,266	1,598	1,148	
	Extra ditto	...	...	248	48	
	1st, Lushkerpore ...	2,435	1411	1,943	1,115	
	2nd, ditto ...	...	...	1,654	889	
	Total ...	9,498	5,743	10,956	7,109	
CACHAR ...	Sudder Moonsiffee ...	1,492	592	1,228	632	
	Hylakandey ...	538	183	501	216	
	Total ...	2,030	775	1,729	848	
	Grand Total ...	19,073	7,170	20,200	8,487	

Q.

AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.

DISTRICT.	DISTRICT JUDGES.				SUBORDINATE JUDGES.				MOONSIFFS.				SMALL CAUSE COURT JUDGES.			
	CONTESTED.		UNCONTESTED.		CONTESTED.		UNCONTESTED.		CONTESTED.		UNCONTESTED.		CONTESTED.		UNCONTESTED.	
	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.
BACKERGUNGE	...	...	...	...	102 *1*	13,644 *133*	85 *1*	4,483 *52*	3,038 *1*	3,39,958 *111*	9,427 *1*	5,46,088 *57*	257 *1*	6,280 *24*	1,260 *1*	26,774 *21*
BEERBHOOM	26 *1*	3,562 *137*	16 *1*	2,512 *157*	20 *1*	1,914 *95*	6 *1*	360 *60*	1,818 *1* 59 *1*	2,27,492 *125* 1,375 *23*	2,745 *1* 165 *1*	1,78,642 *65* 1,615 *10*	...	...	...	...
BHAUGULPORE	5 *1*	1,084 *217*	1 *1*	85 *85*	198 *1*	44,645 *225*	269 *1*	17,529 *65*	2,936 *1*	1,14,180 *38*	5,384 *1*	1,87,785 *34*	645 *1*	13,067 *20*	2,947 *1*	*16*
BURDWAN, EAST	25 *1*	4,473 *179*	5 *1*	1,100 *220*	97 *1*	9,026 *93*	69 *1*	2,819 *41*	3,684 *1* 293 *1*	2,94,393 *79* 9,823 *33*	10,243 *1* 1,090 *1*	4,05,242 *38* 28,005 *25*	...	...	...	...
BURDWAN, WEST	24 *1*	3,000 *125*	4 *1*	412 *103*	...	...	...	...	825 *1* 85 *1*	46,292 *88* 2,485 *29*	2,454 *1* 338 *1*	79,359 *32* 6,405 *19*	...	...	...	...
CHITTAGONG	2 *1*	102 *51*	1 *1*	558 *558*	54 *1*	10,260 *190*	53 *1*	2,714 *51*	4,198 *1* 68 *1*	3,17,470 *75* 1,156 *17*	8,984 *1* 292 *1*	3,08,376 *34* 5,008 *16*	...	...	...	...
CUTTACK	1 *1*	269 *269*	...	..	32 *1*	3,560 *111*	75 *1*	5,815 *77*	871 *1* 249 *1*	1,06,947 *123* 5,808 *23*	2,708 *1* 1,350 *1*	1,65,236 *61* 29,903 *22*	522 *1*	9,149 *17*	2,501 *1*	35,060 *14*
DACCA	20 *1*	3,710 *185*	3 *1*	315 *105*	94 *1*	23,594 *251*	98 *1*	8,967 *91*	3,519 *1* 367 *1*	4,69,576 *133* 30,277 *82*	9,498 *1* 2,369 *1*	6,44,802 *68* 68,701 *29*	791 *1*	22,778 *28*	4,948 *1*	1,17,332 *23*
DINAGEPORE	...	...	...	...	24 *1* 127 *1*	2,877 *119* 2,616 *20*	25 *1* 484 *1*	935 37 9,175 *19*	2,625 *1* 322 *1*	1,14,771 *43* 6,973 *21*	8,839 *1* 529 *1*	2,83,642 *32* 7,569 *14*	...	...	...	...
FURREEDPORE	2 *1*	712 *356*	...	...	30 *1*	17,254 *575*	39 *1*	4,082 *105*	2,361 *1* 325 1	21,312 9 8,108 *25*	7,600 *1* 2,159 *1*	3,66,910 *48* 45,719 *21*	225 *1*	9,164 *40*	1,515 *1*	38,369 *25*
GYA	...	...	...	...	116 *1*	17,024 *146*	59 *1*	1,352 *23*	893 *1* 56 *1*	1,33,084 *148* 873 *15*	1,088 *1* 114 *1*	40,499 *37* 1,465 *12*	...	...	...	...

Q.

AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES—concluded.

DISTRICT.	DISTRICT JUDGES.				SUBORDINATE JUDGES.				MOONSIFFS.				SMALL CAUSE COURT JUDGES.			
	CONTESTED		UNCONTESTED.		CONTESTED		UNCONTESTED		CONTESTED.		UNCONTESTED		CONTESTED.		UNCONTESTED.	
	Number of Cases.	Number of Days	Number of Cases.	Number of Days	Number of Cases	Number of Days	Number of Cases.	Number of Days	Number of Cases	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.	Number of Cases.	Number of Days	Number of Cases.	Number of Days.
HOOGHLY	7 *1*	3,209 *458*	3 *1*	976 *325*	74 *1*	7,178 *97*	101 *1*	4,545 *41*	3,029 *1*	85,935 *28*	8,474 *1*	1,19,226 *14*	1,041 *1*	28,383 *27*	2,729 *1*	58,788 *21*
JESSORE	.	...	.	...	55 *1*	7,641 *139*	35 *1*	1,708 *49*	5,596 *1* 156 *1*	3,24,835 *58* 3,432 *22*	12,229 *1* 604 *1*	4,75,597 *38* 8,456 *14*	2,448 *1*	46368 *19*	9,938 *1*	1,31,993 *13*
MIDNAPORE	2 *1*	521 *260*			50 *1*	11,711 *234*	86 *1*	6 970 *81*	2,243 *1* 340 *1*	1,86,395 *83* 11,284 *33*	8,492 *1* 2,085 *1*	2,62 203 *31* 56,156 *27*	208 *1*	7,782 *37*	1,084 *1*	29,465 *27*
MOORSHEDABAD	5 *1*	245 *40*	2 *1*	272 *136*	95 *1*	29,925 *315*	60 *1*	20,615 *343*	2,923 *1* 428 1	5,00,674 *171* 15,911 37	7,218 *1* 1,242 *1*	5,95,239 *82* 33,038 *26*	73 *1*	1.752 *24*	120 *1*	2,640 *22*
MYMENSINGH	..			...	46 *1*	5,066 *110*	66 *1*	1,986 *30*	4,440 *1* 121 *1*	3,37,738 *76* 3,901 *32*	12,431 *1* 861 *1*	4,15.439 *33* 16 264 *19*		..	.	...
NOAKHALLY	7 *1*	782 *111*	4 *1*	628 *157*				..	2,348 *1* 100 *1*	1.13.038 *48* 2,364 *23*	7.248 *1* 641 *1*	2,92,237 *40* 1,697 2	.	..	..	
NUDDEA	1 *1*	236 *236*	4 *1*	311 *78*	67 *1*	35.309 *527*	57 *1*	4,088 *71*	2,418 *1* 263 *1*	2,32.297 *96* 7,364 *28*	4,847 *1* 1 013 *1*	2,54,853 *52* 23,299 *23*	2,104 *1*	1,91,861 *91*	6,385 *1*	1,56,207 *24*
PATNA	3 *1*	723 *241*			169 *1*	44.531 *263*	111 *1*	29,133 *262*	1,635 *1*	1,98.210 *121*	1,624 *1*	93,094 *57*	304 *1*	4,959 *16*	831 *1*	11,943 *14*
PURNEAH		...	2 *1*	127 *63*	30 *1*	2,520 *84*	69 *1*	3.450 *50*	1 624 *1* 117 *1*	1,54,280 *94* 3,567 *30*	5,648 *1* 779 *1*	2,54,360 *44* 20,121 26	...			...
RAJSHAHYE	2 *1*	828 *414*			50 *1*	10 713 *214*	59 *1*	4,666 *79*	1,812 *1* 171 *1*	1,48,560 *82* 5,375 *31*	4,927 *1* 1,190 *1*	2,21,899 *45* 32,467 27	368 *1*	9.877 *27*	1,163 *1*	20,012 *17*
RUNGPORE	..	...	...	...	55 *1*	14,754 *268*	50 *1*	3,429 *68*	3,197 1 497	3.77,921 *118* 19,064	11,012 *1* 2,492	4.66,371 *42* 75,231	..	...	.	...

Sarun	...	..		.	85 *1*	9,675 *113*	99 *1*	7,148 *72*	1,610 *1* 56 *1*	90,788 *56* 1 693 *30*	2,932 *1* 273 *1*	91,218 *31* 6,448 *23*	...	..	...	...
Shahabad		.			81 *1*	10,208 *126*	78 *1*	4.473 *57*	2,079 *1*	1,82,719 *68*	4,047 *1*	1,46,644 *36*		...	..	...
Tipperah	7 *1*	365 *52*			86 *1*	21,906 *254*	45 *1*	3,553 *79*	4,474 *1* 422 *1*	3,92 647 *88* 16,023 *38*	12,181 *1* 1,885 *1*	5,97,356 *49* 59,053 *31*	..	..	...	...
Tirhoot	2 *1*	1,547 *773*	2 *1*	273 *136*	195 *1*	27,499 *141*	237 *1*	14,594 *61*	2,743 *1*	3,49,119 *127*	4,339 *1*	2,79,376 *64*	...	...	..	...
24-Pergunnahs . Judge and Additional Judge	3 *1* 2 *1*	493 *164* 417 *208*	1 *1* 2 *1*	31 *31* 382 *191*	115 *1*	16,954 *147*	114 *1*	10,009 *87*	4.826 *1* 955 *1*	3.76,808 *78* 22,543 *23*	13,343 *1* 3,809 *1*	4,71 235 *35* 87,151 *22*	1,217 *1*	17,370 *14*	3,306 *1*	55,799 *16*
Chota Nagpore	.	...	..		81 *1*	13 282 *164*	86 *1*	5,372 *62*	1,279 *1*	63,428 *49*	2,889 *1*	75,693 *26*		..	...	...
Julpigoree and Darjeeling	...	.	.	...	9 *1*	914 *101*	14 *1*	886 *63*	359 *1*	30,809 *85*	1,522 *1*	81.376 *53*	104 *1*	1,578 *15*	840 *1*	11,731 *14*
Total .	146	26,278	50	7,982	2,237	4,16,200	2,629	1,84,856	80,853	65,11,075	2,19,653	90,13,768	10,307	3,70,368	39,567	7,45,291
General Average Duration of each Case	..	y. m d. 0 6 0	..	y m. d 0 5 9	..	y. m d 0 6 6	..	y m d 0 2 10		y m. d. 0 2 20	..	y m d. 0 1 11	...	y m. d. 0 1 10	..	y m. d. 0 0 18
Assam Valley	1 *1*	41 *41*	1 *1*	16 *46*	26 *1*	4,030 *155*	9 *1*	801 *89*	2,814 *1*	1,51,956 *54*	4,701 *1*	1,55,133 *33*	...	..	...	...
Sylhet	2 *1*	95 *47*	7 *1*	325 *46*	87 *1* 120 *1*	11,768 *135* 2,100 *17*	88 *1* 335 *1*	7.552 *85* 5,072 *15*	2,532 *1*	2,12,283 *83*	8,124 *1*	3.44,933 *41*	..	..	...	...
Cachar	4 *1*	450 *112*	9 *1*	482 *53*	...	...			401 *1*	27,402 *68*	1,328 *1*	58,421 *44*			..	...
Total	7	586	17	853	233	17,898	432	13,425	5,747	3,91,641	14,453	5,58,487	...	..	...	...
General Average Duration of each Case	..	y m d 0 2 23	...	y m. d 0 1 20	...	y. m. d. 0 2 16	...	y. m. d 0 1 1	..	y m. d. 0 2 8	...	y m d. 0 1 8	...	...	...	...

R.

COST OF ESTABLISHMENTS WITH STAMP DUTY AND COURT FEES REALIZED, 1877.

DISTRICT	Cost of Establishments, including Judges' salaries	Stamp Duty and Court Fees realized	Surplus	Deficit.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Backergunge	92,277 7 6	1,77,382 8 1	85,105 0 7	...
Beerbhoom	61,953 12 3	79,969 6 10	15,015 10 7	...
Bhaugulpore ...	88,019 14 2	2,29,584 6 3	1,41,561 8 1	...
Burdwan, East	97,930 0 0	1,93,263 0 0	95,333 0 0	...
Burdwan, West	51,551 13 2	51,577 3 2	22 6 0	...
Chittagong	97,801 0 0	1,57,082 0 0	59,281 0 0	...
Cuttack	91,357 15 7	83,503 13 9		10,854 1 10
Dacca	1,06,826 4 11	2,52,389 1 1	1,45,562 12 2	...
Dinagepore	86,814 15 11	1,37,064 6 8	50,219 6 9	...
Furreedpore	92,693 0 6	1,12,887 5 9	20,191 5 3	...
Gya	63,737 6 8	82,394 4 0	18,656 13 4	...
Hooghly ...	1,47,787 2 3	1,75,525 2 6	27,738 0 3	...
Jessore	95,244 13 0	3,28,595 13 0	2,33,351 0 0	...
Midnapore	89,971 14 7	1,65,795 4 6	75,823 5 11	...
Moorshedabad	79,742 0 0	1,56,973 0 0	77 231 0 0	...
Mymensingh	1,13,389 13 5	2,54,430 5 7	1,11,010 8 2	...
Noakhally	51,945 0 11	1,38,598 14 9	86,653 13 10	...
Nuddea . .	1,25,685 5 6	1,95,756 7 6	70,071 2 0	...
Patna	75,644 1 9	1,26,957 13 0	51,313 11 3	...
Purneah	68,835 0 0	90,881 0 0	22,046 0 0	...
Rajshahye .	1,10,580 6 4½	1,26,044 15 6	15,464 9 1½	...
Rungpore ..	91,926 0 0	1,24,651 0 0	32,725 0 0	...
Sarun	76,967 6 10	1,34,413 1 0	57,445 10 2	...
Shahabad	84,863 4 3	1,09,625 2 9	24,761 14 6	...
Tipperah	1,22,686 6 11	1,91,231 15 1	68,545 8 2	...
Tirhoot	93,226 12 0	1,87,303 14 0	94,077 2 0	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	1,79,013 0 0	3,12,494 0 0	1,33,481 0 0	...
Total Regulation Districts	**25,44,475 2 5½**	**43,76,375 4 9**	**18,42,754 4 1½**	**10,854 1 10**
Chota Nagpore	1,27,424 0 0	92,144 10 0	..	35,279 6 0
Julpigoree and Darjeeling .	32,931 2 10	13,066 4 4	...	19,864 14 6
Total Non-Regn. Districts ..	**1,60,355 2 10**	**1,05,210 14 4**	**...**	**55,144 4 6**
Grand Total	**27,04,830 5 3½**	**44,81,586 3 1**	**18,42,754 4 1½**	**65,998 6 4**
Assam Valley Districts ...	1,17,226 0 0	89,774 0 0	...	27,452 0 0
Sylhet	81,291 3 10	1,31,339 9 9	50,048 5 11	...
Cachar	21,363 0 0	12,811 0 0	.	8,552 0 0
Total	**2,19,880 3 10**	**2,33,924 9 9**	**50,048 5 11**	**36,004 0 0**

S.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF SUCH PORTION OF THE SALARIES OF DISTRICT JUDGES AS IS PROPERLY DEBITABLE TO CIVIL COURTS.

DISTRICT.	Total Number of Days devoted to Judicial work	Number of Days given to Civil work	Total amount of Judges' Salary				Proportion debitable to Civil Courts.	Remarks.
			Rs.	A.	P.			
Backergunge .	220	85	22,800	0	0		8,809	
Beerbhoom ...	233	172	30,000	0	0		22,145	
Bhaugulpore ...	265	180	30,000	0	0		20,377	
Burdwan, East ...	219	218	25,374	0	0		22,215	
Burdwan, West ...	256	221	25,317	10	0		21,856	
Chittagong ..	117	106	30,000	0	0		27,179	
Cuttack ..	228	139	27,968	3	4		17,051	
Dacca ...	259	147	25,502	3	6		14,474	
Dinagepore ...	245	50	20,746	10	8		4,234	
Furreedpore ...	263	125	21,333	5	0		10,139	
Gya ...	253	197	23,231	2	10		18,089	
Hooghly ...	223	129	30,000	0	0		17,354	
Jessore ...	266	100	18,346	7	3		6,897	
Midnapore .	253	123	22,009	7	0		10,700	
Moorshedabad ...	249	190	30,000	0	0		22,891	
Mymensingh ...	265	117	22,104	12	10		9,760	
Noakhally ...	168	127	12,905	12	5		9,756	
Nuddea ..	261	118	29,141	10	8		13,311	
Patna ...	234	154	30,000	0	0		19,743	
Purneah ..	215	190	30,000	0	0		23,265	
Rajshahye	249	92¾	23,074	3	1		8,595	
Rungpore ...	264	170	21,000	0	0		15,451	
Sarun ...	245	213	32,000	0	0		27,820	
Shahabad .	238	177	30,000	0	0		22,311	
Tipperah .	233	170	30,000	0	0		21,888	
Tirhoot ...	236	135	30,000	0	0		17,161	
24-Pergunnahs ...	247	231	30,000	0	0		28,056	
Total ...	**6,464**	**4,076¾**	**7,06,155**	**8**	**7**		**461,530**	
Sylhet ...	230	143	29,188	14	3		18,146	

	Lower Provinces		Assam.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Receipts of the Civil Courts, Regulation and Non-Regulation Districts	...	44,81,586	...	2,33,924
Total cost of Civil Courts in Regulation Districts	25,44,475	..	81,291	
Deduct portion of salaries debitable to work other than Civil ...	2,44,625	...	11,043	
Net cost in Regulation Provinces ...	22,99,849	.	70,248	
Add cost of Civil Courts in Non-Regulation Districts	1,60,355	24,60,204	1,38,589	2,08,837
	Surplus	Rs. 20,21,381		Rs. 25,087

T.

STATISTICS OF THE

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	AREA. SQUARE MILES.	POPULATION. SOULS.	NUMBER AND GRADE OF COURTS.					COST OF COURTS.
				JUDGE.	ADDITIONAL JUDGE.	SUBORDINATE JUDGE.	MOONSIFF.	SMALL CAUSE COURT.	Rs. A. P.
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	3,523	2,034,745	1	...	2	8	...	97,930 0 0
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	1,422	530,802	1	...	...	3	...	51,554 13 2
	BEERBHOOM	1,344	695,921	1	...	1	4	...	64,953 12 3
	MIDNAPORE	5,082	2,545,179	1	...	1	7	1	89,971 14 7
	HOOGHLY	1,467	1,488,556	1	1	1	8	3	1,47,787 2 3
	Total of Division ...	12,838	7,295,203	5	1	5	30	4	4,52,197 10 3
RAJSHAHYE ...	DINAGEPORE	6,348	2,318,182	1	...	1	9	...	86,814 15 11
	RAJSHAHYE	4,212	2,522,323	1	1	2	5	2	1,10,580 6 4½
	RUNGPORE	4,568	2,699,607	1	...	1	10	...	91,926 0 0
	Total of Division ...	15,128	7,540,112	3	1	4	24	2	2,89,321 6 3½
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	2,788	2,210,047	1	1	2	15	3	1,79,013 0 0
	NUDDEA	3,421	1,812,795	1	...	1	8	5	1,25,685 5 6
	JESSORE	3,658	2,075,021	1	...	1	9	4	95,244 13 0
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	2,573	1,349,660	1	...	1	5	1	79,742 0 0
	Total of Division ...	12,440	7,447,523	4	1	5	37	3	4,79,685 2 6
COOCH BEHAR ...	DARJEELING & JULPIGOREE	4,140	513,377	1	...	2	4	1	32,931 2 10
DACCA ...	DACCA	2,796	1,852,993	1	...	2	7	2	1,06,826 4 11
	FURREEDPORE	2,566	1,675,632	1	...	1	7	2	92,693 0 6
	BACKERGUNGE	4,187	1,894,714	1	...	2	9	1	92,277 7 6
	MYMENSINGH	6,299	2,349,917	1	...	2	14	...	1,13,389 13 5
	TIPPERAH	2,498	1,407,489	1	...	2	11	...	1,22,686 6 11
	Total of Division ...	18,346	9,180,745	5	...	9	48	5	5,27,873 1 3
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG	2,315	1,043,283	1	1	2	11	...	97,801 0 0
	NOAKHALLY	1,852	912,755	1	...	...	5	...	51,945 0 11
	Total of Division ...	4,167	1,956,038	2	1	2	16	...	1,49,746 0 11
PATNA ...	PATNA	2,101	1,559,638	1	1	1	4	3	75,644 1 9
	GYA	4,716	1,949,750	1	1	2	3	...	63,737 6 8
	SHAHABAD	4,385	1,723,974	1	...	1	5	...	84,863 4 3
	TIRHOOT	6,343	4,384,706	1	...	2	6	...	93,226 12 0
	SARUN	6,185	3,504,675	1	...	1	4	...	76,967 6 10
	Total of Division ...	23,730	13,122,743	5	2	7	22	3	3,94,438 15 6
BHAUGULPORE	BHAUGULPORE	8,190	3,639,276	1	...	2	6	2	88,019 14 2
	PURNEAH	4,957	1,714,795	1	...	1	4	...	68,835 0 0
	Total of Division ...	13,147	5,354,071	2	...	3	10	2	1,56,854 14 2
ORISSA ...	CUTTACK	7,717	3,034,690	1	...	1	4	1	94,357 15 7
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	27,883	3,322,748	1	...	5	10	...	1,27,424 0 0
	Grand Total ...	139,536	58,767,250	29	6	43	205	31	2,704,830 5 8¾
ASSAM ...	ASSAM	20,210	1,879,649	1	...	9	22	...	1,17,226 0 0
	SYLHET	5,413	1,719,539	1	...	1	7	...	81,291 3 10
	CACHAR	5,000	205,027	1	...	...	3	...	21,363 0 0
	Total ...	30,623	3,804,215	3	...	10	32	...	2,19,880 3 10

CIVIL COURTS, 1877.

Number of Original Suits (Instituted).				Ratio of Suits to Population (per cent.)	Total Value of Suits (in Regular Courts)	Stamps and Court Fees realized.			Number of Regular Appeals (instituted).	Miscellaneous Original Cases instituted (confined to Cases requiring a Judicial Finding and Order)	Miscellaneous Appeals instituted.
Small Cause Court.	Rent	Other.	Total.			Rs.	A	P			
					Rs						
5,266	6,853	2,688	14,807	7	16,63 221	1,93 263	0	0	1,027	2 261	81
995	1,759	1,108	3,862	7	2,24,611	51,577	3	2	182	817	25
1,524	1,900	1,130	4,554	6	5,21,075	79 969	6	10	319	1,071	21
7,288	5,756	1,721	14,765	·5	13,79,881	1,65,795	4	6	669	2,372	41
6,913	6,934	1,637	15,184	1 0	15,22,975	1,75,325	2	6	818	2 703	68
21,986	**23,202**	**8,284**	**53,472**	**·7**	**53,14 766**	**6,66,130**	**1**	**0**	**3,045**	**9,224**	**242**
8,920	3,080	570	12,570	·5	9,41,527	1,37,064	6	8	368	716	29
6,077	2,652	760	9,489	·3	11,94,304	1,26,044	15	6	662	958	67
9,781	6,108	641	16,530	6	16,01,968	1,21,651	0	0	596	1,292	41
24,778	**11,840**	**1,971**	**38,589**	**·5**	**37,40,799**	**3,87,760**	**6**	**2**	**1,626**	**2,966**	**137**
13,666	11,121	2,813	27,600	1 2	29,96,417	3,12,494	0	0	1,068	2 497	59
10,236	5,203	1,328	16 767		10,81,762	1,95,756	7	6	665	2,396	49
15,080	13,293	2,393	30,766	1 4	10,83,985	3,28 595	13	0	913	4,378	86
5,105	5,157	1,297	11,559	·8	19,58,671	1,56 973	0	0	514	1,049	27
44,087	**34,774**	**7,831**	**86,692**	**1·1**	**71,20,865**	**9,93,819**	**4**	**6**	**3,160**	**10,320**	**221**
2,564	...	174	2,738	5	2,19,789	13,066	4	4	43	212	4
16,205	2,979	1,875	21,059	1 1	15,44,557	2,52,389	1	1	933	1,632	61
8,063	5,015	1,005	14,083	·8	7,46,986	1,12,887	5	9	556	1,173	45
4,591	8,439	1,179	14,209	7	15,64,469	1,77,382	8	1	596	1,862	50
12,836	2,690	2,113	17,639	7	19,29,851	2,54,430	5	7	971	1,363	132
10,057	6,961	1,497	18,515	1 3	12,96,746	1,91,231	15	1	1,268	2,569	161
51,752	**26,084**	**7,669**	**85 505**	**·9**	**70,82,609**	**9,88,321**	**3**	**7**	**4,324**	**8,599**	**449**
5,960	5,003	1,912	12,875	1 2	9,61,158	1,57,082	0	0	910	2,492	101
4,678	5,423	734	10,835	1 1	6,27,321	1,38,598	14	9	263	1,137	7
10,638	**10,426**	**2,646**	**23,710**	**1·2**	**15,88,479**	**2,95,680**	**14**	**9**	**1,173**	**3,566**	**108**
1,746	1,577	981	4,304	2	29,94,234	1,26,957	13	0	888	1,828	75
1,192	602	416	2,210	1	12,42,143	82,394	4	0	451	1,105	76
1,548	3,098	1,325	5,971	3	11,15,055	1,09,625	2	9	819	1,093	56
2,905	4,541	933	8,379	1	20,71,631	1,87,303	14	0	1,214	1,642	50
1,892	2,300	742	4,934	1	15,90,176	1,34 413	1	0	1,121	1,470	61
9,283	**12,118**	**4,397**	**25,798**	**·1**	**90,13,239**	**6,40,694**	**2**	**9**	**4,496**	**7,138**	**318**
6,250	4,315	1,332	11,897	·3	28,37,187	2,29,584	6	3	1,183	1,093	58
3,691	3,952	584	8,227	1	9,23,617	90,881	0	0	309	1,723	32
9,941	**8,267**	**1,916**	**20,124**	**·3**	**37,60,804**	**3,20,465**	**6**	**3**	**1,492**	**2,816**	**90**
6,138	...	2,247	8,385	2	8,65,270	83,503	13	9	322	892	13
3,654	..	661	4,315	·1	12,82,684	92,144	10	0	466	1,065	70
184,821	**126,711**	**37,796**	**349,328**	**·59**	**3,99,89,304**	**44,81,586**	**3**	**1**	**20,147**	**46,798**	**1,668**
6,743	..	754	7,497	·3	5,06,872	89,774	0	0	542	435	29
8,559	1,355	1,958	11,872	6	9,13,252	1,31,339	9	9	607	1,271	34
1,446	60	407	1,913	·9	1,97,626	12,811	0	0	57	224	1
16,748	**1,415**	**3,119**	**21,282**	**·5**	**16,77,750**	**2,33,924**	**9**	**9**	**1,206**	**1,930**	**64**

U.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF AMEENS, 1877-78.

DISTRICT.	PERMANENT AMEENS. Receipts.	PERMANENT AMEENS. Disbursements.	TEMPORARY AMEENS. Receipts.	TEMPORARY AMEENS. Disbursements.	Fees paid for the employment of Moonsiffs as Commissioners.	Number of Permanent Ameens with Grades. 1st G.	Number of Permanent Ameens with Grades. 2nd G.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
Backergunge ...	1,952 0 0	1,464 1 4	.....	.....	.....	1	2
Beerbhoom ...	128 0 0	600 0 0	.....	.....	50 0 0	...	1
Bhaugulpore ...	1,655 0 0	1,032 9 5	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Burdwan, East ...	631 0 0	1,200 0 0	.....	.....	10 0 0	...	2*
Burdwan, West ...	480 0 0	670 5 0	.....	.....	20 0 0	...	1
Chittagong ...	1,077 0 0	1,589 3 0	.....	.....	.....	2	...
Cuttack ...	1,736 4 0	1,942 2 7	.....	.....	67 0 0	1	2
Dacca ...	1,971 0 0	1,449 0 0	.....	.....	10 0 0	1	1
Dinagepore ...	1,296 0 0	1,302 7 8	9 0 0	.....	30 0 0	...	2
Furreedpore ...	950 0 0	840 0 0	.....	.....	10 0 0	1	...
Gya ...	831 0 0	600 0 0	.....	.....	110 0 0	...	1
Hooghly ...	828 0 0	1,160 2 0	.....	.....	40 0 0	1†	1
Jessore ...	1,825 0 0	2,273 12 9	.....	.....	30 0 0	1	2
Midnapore ...	1,139 8 0	1,280 0 0	3 0 0	.....	.....	1‡	1‡
Moorshedabad ...	757 0 0	700 0 0	.....	.....	.....	...	2§
Mymensingh ...	2,518 0 0	2,400 0 0	.....	.....	15 0 0	1	2
Noakhally ...	933 0 0	969 0 0	.....	.....	.....	...	2
Nuddea ...	525 0 0	600 0 0	.....	.....	30 0 0	...	1
Patna ...	630 0 0	600 0 0	.....	.....	.....	...	1
Purneah ...	1,009 8 0	600 0 0	.....	.....	.....	...	1
Rajshahye ...	2,650 0 0	2,036 12 5	1,392 0 0	1,063 3 6	10 0 0	1	2
Rungpore ...	1,579 0 0	2,240 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1	3‖
Sarun ...	1,051 8 0	777 6 8	.....	.....	.....	...	1
Shahabad ...	1,437 0 0	1,215 0 0	21 0 0	21 0 0	.....	...	2
Tipperah ...	4,475 8 0	2,840 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1	3
Tirhoot ...	2,722 15 0	2,160 15 5	.....	.....	30 0 0	...	4
24-Pergunnahs ...	1,888 0 0	910 0 0	336 0 0	425 0 0	.....	1	...
Chota Nagpore ...	2,334 8 0	2,448 3 0	188 5 3	188 5 3	.....	...	4
Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	622 2 6	551 9 9	.....	.....	.....	...	1
Total ...	**41,632 13 6**	**38,452 11 0**	**1,949 5 3**	**1,697 8 9**	**462 0 0**	**15**	**46**
Add 10 per cent. on account of pensions	.....	3,845 3 5	.....	.....	.....	...	...
Total ...	.....	**42,297 14 5**					
Assam ...	.....	.....	1,486 8 0	1,278 12 0	10 0 0	...	...
Sylhet ...	1,301 8 0	1,250 9 9	.....	.....	.....	...	2
Cachar ...	362 0 0	669 10 10	.....	.....	30 0 0	...	1
Total ...	**1,663 8 0**	**1,920 4 7**	**1,486 8 0**	**1,278 12 0**	**40 0 0**	...	**3**
Add 10 per cent. on account of pensions	.....	192 0 0	.....	.....	.....	...	...
Total ...	.....	**2,112 4 7**					

* The services of one ameen have been dispensed with.
† Reduced to 2nd grade from 1st July 1877 by orders of the High Court.
‡ The disbursements having exceeded the receipts, the pay of each of the ameens has been reduced to Rupees 40 each.
§ One of these ameens was employed for two months only, *i. e.*, from 1st April to 31st May 1877.
‖ The post of one of these ameens was abolished from 1st August 1877.

V.

STATISTICS OF LOCAL ENQUIRIES, 1877.

BENGAL.

Scale of Values.	No.	Aggregate value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry only.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied in enquiry.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 5. ...	118	575 14 2	4 14 1	1,097 15 0	9 4 10	2½
Cases not exceeding Rs. 20 ...	318	4,009 2 2½	12 9 8½	3,355 5 2	10 8 9	3
Cases not exceeding Rs. 50 ...	337	11,817 15 11	35 1 1	3,518 1 0	10 7 0	3
Cases not exceeding Rs. 100 ...	251	20,001 12 11	79 11 0	3,478 1 10	13 13 8	4
Cases not exceeding Rs. 500 ...	380	79,101 2 4	208 2 6	7,034 7 0	18 8 2	5
Cases not exceeding Rs. 1,000 ...	115	1,05,671 11 3	918 14 1	3,490 2 6	30 5 7	8½
Cases exceeding Rs. 1,000 ...	222	10,72,083 11 10	4,829 3 3	9,535 11 11	42 15 3	12

ASSAM.

Cases not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	27	50 7 10	1 13 11	221 0 0	8 2 11	1¾
Cases not exceeding Rs. 20 ...	33	456 9 7	13 13 4	335 0 0	10 2 5	3¾
Cases not exceeding Rs. 50 ...	37	1,313 1 6	35 7 9	498 7 6	13 7 6	3½
Cases not exceeding Rs. 100 ...	26	1,788 2 6	68 12 4	319 4 0	12 4 5	3¼
Cases not exceeding Rs. 500 ...	22	5,461 0 11	248 3 8	445 4 9	20 3 10	5¾
Cases not exceeding Rs. 1,000 ...	6	3,877 0 4	646 2 8	154 12 0	25 12 6	7½
Cases exceeding Rs. 1,000 ...	5	28,204 1 0	5,640 13 0	707 0 0	141 6 4	46½

W.

DETAIL OF COURTS AND ORIGINAL SUITS, WITH COST OF ESTABLISHMENT AND RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF STAMPS AND FEES, 1877.

DISTRICT	COURT.	No of Suits	Cost of Establishment.	Stamps and Fees.	Surplus	Deficit.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Backergunge ...	Small Cause Court	1,572	.	...	...	...
	Moonsiffs ...	12,446	33,440 6 2	1,15,815 14 5	82,375 8 3	...
	Subordinate Judge	191	20,920 14 7	43,277 11 0	22,356 12 5	...
	Judge ...	...	37,916 2 9	18,288 14 8	..	19,627 4 1
Beerbhoom ...	Moonsiffs	4,486	21,751 3 6	49,756 5 1	28,005 1 7	...
	Subordinate Judge	20	4,084 15 0	3,816 4 0	...	268 11 0
	Judge ..	48	39,117 9 9	26,396 13 9	...	12,720 12 0
Bhaugulpore ...	Small Cause Court	3,406	13,864 13 10	56,110 2 1	42,215 4 3	...
	Moonsiffs ...	8,134	28,141 14 0	77,606 11 8	49,164 13 8	...
	Subordinate Judge	357	7,681 8 0	71,476 8 10	63,795 0 10	...
	Judge ...	.	38,031 10 4	24,390 15 8	...	13,640 10 8
Burdwan, East	Moonsiffs ...	14,653	39,392 0 0	1,54,387 0 0	1,14,995 0 0	...
	Subordinate Judge	143	19,710 0 0	21,172 0 0	1,462 0 0	...
	Judge ...	11	38,828 0 0	17,704 0 0	..	21,124 0 0
Burdwan, West	Moonsiffs ...	3,846	15,902 3 8	48,216 7 3	32,314 3 7	...
	Judge ...	16	35,652 9 6	3,360 11 11	...	32,291 13 7
Chittagong ...	Moonsiffs ...	12,803	55,814 0 0	1,26,329 0 0	70,515 0 0	...
	Subordinate Judge	71	17,683 0 0	16,903 0 0	...	780 0 0
	Judge ...	1	24,304 0 0	13,850 0 0	...	10,454 0 0
Cuttack .	Small Cause Court	3,118	18,803 13 7	34,027 12 8	15,223 15 1	...
	Moonsiffs	5,164	30,667 2 0	43,431 3 1	12,764 1 1	...
	Subordinate Judge	103	..	.	...	...
	Judge ...	...	44,887 0 0	6,044 14 0	...	38,842 2 0
Dacca ...	Small Cause Court	5,661	16,829 6 0	51,514 10 6	34,685 4 6	...
	Moonsiffs .	15,225	33,329 4 2	1,34,036 4 3	1,00,707 0 1	...
	Subordinate Judge	173	18,756 7 4	40,932 10 0	22,176 2 8	.
	Judge ...	.	37,911 3 5	25,905 8 4	...	12,005 11 1
Dinagepore .	Moonsiffs .	11,919	43,545 9 7	1,14,775 14 1	71,230 4 6	...
	Subordinate Judge	651	10,021 10 1	15,073 10 1	5,052 0 0	...
	Judge ...	...	33,247 12 3	7,214 14 6	...	26,032 13 9
Furreedpore ...	Moonsiffs	12,361	43,959 12 7	79,751 7 0	35,791 10 5	..
	Subordinate Judge	74	4,142 15 4	15,334 4 9	11,191 5 5	...
	Small Cause Court	1,648	13,876 9 0	11,116 9 0	..	2,760 0 0
	Judge ...	...	30,713 11 7	6,685 1 0	...	24,028 10 7
'Gya ...	Moonsiffs ...	2,038	16,253 6 10	39,557 2 5	23,303 11 7	...
	Subordinate Judge	172	11,929 9 8	29,336 5 7	17,406 11 11	...
	Judge	...	35,554 6 2	13,500 12 0	. .	22,053 10 2
Hooghly .	Small Cause Court	3,783	18,679 11 0	23,858 14 0	5,179 3 0	...
	Moonsiffs	11,539	40,980 0 0	94,338 1 0	53,358 1 0	...
	Subordinate Judge	162	12,493 7 6	34,001 10 6	21,508 3 0	..
	Additional Judge	...	28,455 6 3	760 6 0	...	27,695 0 3
	Judge		47,178 9 6	22,566 3 0	...	24,612 6 6
Jessore ...	Small Cause Court	12,462	42,961 12 1	92,586 8 0	49,624 11 11	...
	Moonsiffs ...	18,224	31,183 14 10	2,05,397 11 0	1,74,213 12 2	...
	Subordinate Judge	80	4,178 14 5	17,208 2 0	13,029 3 9	...
	Judge ...	...	16,920 3 10	13,403 8 0	...	3,516 11 10
Midnapore ...	Small Cause Court	1,247	11,448 13 9	12,233 13 6	784 15 9	...
	Moonsiffs	13,390	36,974 6 11	1,20,241 15 3	83,267 8 4	...
	Subordinate Judge	128	2,206 14 9	25,390 6 9	23,183 8 0	...
	Judge ..	...	39,341 11 2	7,929 1 0	...	31,412 10 2
Moorshedabad	Small Cause Court	192	...	...	...	. .
	Moonsiffs ..	11,228	24,486 0 0	1,10,709 0 0	86,223 0 0	...
	Subordinate Judge	139	12,241 0 0	35,122 0 0	22,881 0 0	...
	Judge ...	...	43,015 0 0	11,142 0 0	...	31,873 0 0
Mymensingh ...	Moonsiffs ...	17,509	58,765 14 11	1,90,140 11 5	1,31,374 12 6	...
	Subordinate Judge	130	17,625 8 5	29,893 0 5	12,267 8 0	...
	Judge ...	...	36,998 6 1	34,396 9 9	..	2,601 12 4
Noakhally ...	Moonsiffs ...	10,814	32,300 13 0	1,30,376 0 0	98,075 3 0	...
	Judge ...	21	19,614 3 11	8,222 14 9	...	11,421 5 2

W.

DETAIL OF COURTS AND ORIGINAL SUITS, WITH COST OF ESTABLISHMENT AND RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF STAMPS AND FEES—concluded.

DISTRICT.	COURT	No. of Suits.	Cost of Establishment.	Stamps and Fees	Surplus	Deficit.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Nuddea ...	Small Cause Court	8,247	28,202 8 5	60,128 13 4	31,926 4 11	...
	Moonsiffs ...	8,383	38,085 9 0	88,413 8 9	50,327 15 9	
	Subordinate Judge	136	12,187 11 10	34,373 9 0	22,185 13 2	...
	Judge ...	1	47,209 8 3	12,840 8 5	...	34,368 15 10
Patna	Small Cause Court	1,151	2,994 0 0	7,283 0 0	4,289 0 0	...
	Moonsiffs ...	2,892	19,450 1 9	42,855 13 0	23,405 11 3	...
	Subordinate Judge	261	14,994 0 0	61,145 0 0	46,151 0 0	..
	Judge ...	..	38,206 0 0	15,674 0 0	...	22,532 0 0
Purneah ...	Moonsiffs ...	8,131	17,605 0 0	67,773 0 0	50,168 0 0	..
	Subordinate Judge	96	11,019 0 0	19,179 0 0	8,160 0 0	..
	Judge ...	...	40,211 0 0	3,929 0 0	...	36,282 0 0
Rajshahye	Small Cause Court	1,524	7,229 4 10	5,359 10 0	.	1,869 10 10
	Moonsiffs ..	7,855	28,256 7 1	77,817 2 0	49,560 10 11	...
	Subordinate Judge	110	22,255 14 8	29,510 14 0	7,254 15 4	...
	Judge ..	...	39,215 0 9½	13,095 8 6	...	26,119 8 3½
	Additional Judge	...	13,623 11 0	261 13 0	...	13,361 14 0
Rungpore ...	Moonsiffs ...	16,429	44,600 0 0	97,885 0 0	53,285 0 0	...
	Subordinate Judge	101	9,490 0 0	15,020 0 0	5,530 0 0	...
	Judge ...	..	37,836 0 0	11,746 0 0	...	26,090 0 0
Sarun ...	Moonsiffs ..	4,712	21,845 0 5	73,960 8 0	52,115 7 7	...
	Subordinate Judge	222	10,819 1 3	38,170 14 0	27,351 12 9	..
	Judge	...	44,303 5 2	22,281 11 0	...	22,021 10 2
Shahabad ...	Moonsiffs ...	5,821	25,746 6 5	57,938 13 0	32,192 6 7	...
	Subordinate Judge	150	12,900 10 0	36,554 12 3	23,654 2 3	...
	Judge ...	...	46,216 3 10	15,131 9 6	...	31,084 10 4
Tipperah	Moonsiffs ..	18,404	51,923 2 3	1,60,881 9 7	1,15,910 11 2	...
	Subordinate Judge	111	22,789 6 3	17,880 10 0	...	4,908 12 3
	Judge ..	..	44,973 14 5	12,466 11 6		42,456 6 9
Tirhoot ...	Moonsiffs ..	8,037	30,263 0 11	91,428 2 0	61,165 1 1	...
	Subordinate Judge	342	22,620 3 3	68,559 8 0	45,939 4 9	...
	Judge ...	...	40,313 7 10	27,316 4 0	...	13,027 3 10
24-Pergunnahs	Small Cause Court	4,516	20,650 0 0	33,429 0 0	12,779 0 0	...
	Moonsiffs ...	22,802	56,300 0 0	1,78,783 0 0	1,22,483 0 0	...
	Subordinate Judge	279	23,745 0 0	63,820 0 0	40,075 0 0	...
	Additional Judge	...	28,455 0 0	760 0 0	...	27,695 0 0
	Judge ...	3	49,863 0 0	35,702 0 0	...	14,161 0 0
Julpigoree and Darjeeling...	Small Cause Court	916	...	...	...	...
	Moonsiffs ...	1,801	7,165 7 2	4,963 1 4	...	2,202 5 10
	Subordinate Judge	21	20,884 5 3	7,007 14 8	...	13,876 6 7
	Judge ...	..	4,881 6 5	1,095 4 4	...	3,786 2 1
Chota Nagpore	Moonsiffs ...	4,136	37,901 0 0	53,609 0 0	15,708 0 0	...
	Subordinate Judge	179	71,996 0 0	28,951 0 0		43,045 0 0
	Judge ...	...	17,527 0 0	9,584 10 0	...	7,942 6 0
	Total ...	3,49,328	27,04,830 5 3½	44,81,586 3 1	25,33,349 15 9	7,56,594 1 11¼
ASSAM PROVINCE.						
Assam Valley Districts ...	Moonsiffs ...	7,453	57,150 0 0	61,360 0 0	4,210 0 0	
	Subordinate Judge	43	51,564 0 0	24,433 0 0	...	27,131 0 0
	Judge ...	1	8,512 0 0	3,981 0 0	...	4,531 0 0
Sylhet ...	Moonsiffs ...	11,365	30,363 8 4	1,08,325 8 9	77,962 0 5	...
	Subordinate Judge	507	8,765 4 5	12,413 7 9	3,648 3 4	...
	Judge ...		42,162 7 1	10,600 9 3	...	31,561 13 10
Cachar ...	Moonsiffs ...	1,904	14,194 0 0	9,949 0 0	...	4,245 0 0
	Judge ...	9	7,169 0 0	2,862 0 0	...	4,307 0 0
	Total ...	21,282	2,19,880 3 10	2,33,924 9 9	85,820 3 9	71,775 13 1

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE NUMBER OF PROBATES, LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND CERTIFICATES UNDER ACT XXVII OF 1860 GRANTED IN BENGAL AND ASSAM DURING THE YEAR 1877, AND THE AMOUNT OF DUTY REALISED THEREON.

		Number of Probates or Letters of Administration with Will annexed.	Amount of Court fees paid.	Number of Letters of Administration (as in the case of intestacy).	Amount of Court fees paid.	Number of Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860.	Amount of Court fees paid.
ABOVE 1,000 UP TO 5,000	High Court	39	2,288 0 0	47	2,560 0 0	...	.....
	District Court	87	4,233 0 0	7	140 0 0	226	10,943 8 0
ABOVE 5,000 UP TO 10,000	High Court	12	1,768 0 0	13	1,607 0 0	...	.....
	District Court	18	2,870 0 0	4	475 0 0	55	7,817 0 0
ABOVE 10,000 UP TO 50,000	High Court	39	20,261 0 0	29	12,145 0 0	...	.....
	District Court	30	10,536 0 0	4	630 0 0	32	8,986 0 0
ABOVE 50,000 UP TO 1,00,000	High Court	10	14,491 0 0	5	7,494 0 0	...	.....
	District Court	7	10,140 0 0	...	.....	1	8,828 0 0
ABOVE 1,00,000	High Court	18	1,00,645 0 0	6	36,046 0 0	...	.....
	District Court	6	30,258 0 0	...	.....	1	2,174 0 0
Total High Court ...		**118**	**1,39,453 0 0**	**100**	**59,852 0 0**	...	.....
Total District Courts ...		**148**	**58,037 0 0**	**15**	**1,245 0 0**	**315**	**38,748 8 0**
Grand Total ...		**266**	**1,97,490 0 0**	**115**	**61,097 0 0**	**315**	**38,748 8 0**

Note.—Cases where the value of the estate was less than Rs. 1,000 have been omitted from this return, as no duty is chargeable in respect to them.

X.

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT.

Lower Provinces and Assam.

	Remaining from 1876.	Filed in 1877.	Disposed of in 1877.	Remaining at close of 1877.	Days of sittings with number of judges.			
					Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Other Judges.
I.—Regular Appeals	498	343	294	547				
References to the Full Bench ...	...	1	1	...				
Appeals to Court at large under section 15 of the Letters Patent	...	1	...	1				
Reviews	...	...	...	...				
II.—Special Appeals	3,374	2,658	3,731	2,301				
References to the Full Bench ...	1	7	8	...				
Appeals to Court at large under section 15 of the Letters Patent	73	144	153	64				
Reviews	1	5	4	2				
III.—Miscellaneous Appeals ... Regular ...	142	259	254	147				
Miscellaneous Appeals ... Special ...	80	104	135	49				
References to the Full Bench ...	1	1	2	...				
Appeals to Court at large under section 15 of the Letters Patent	...	...	...	...				
Reviews	2	1	3	...				
IV.—References under Mofussil Small Cause Court Act ...	2	11	10	3				
V.—Divorce Cases	1	3	1	3				
VI. Appeals } From British Burma.	...	2	...	2				
VI. References } From British Burma.	...	...	...	...				
VII.—Criminal Cases	107	1,107	1,139	75				
VIII.—Miscellaneous orders in Court	223	2,168	2,200	191				
IX.—Miscellaneous orders out of Court	...	531*	531	...				
Total ...	4,505	7,345	8,465	3,385				

Days of sittings with number of judges.			
251	2	5	6	1
	1	5	5	1
	1	4	6	1
	5	4	6	...
	6	4	5	1
	1	4	4	1
	43	3	6	1
	2	3	6	...
	31	3	5	1
	13	3	4	1
	2	3	3	1
	1	3	3	...
	17	2	6	1
	3	2	6	...
	38	2	5	1
	12	2	4	1
	2	2	3	1
	1	2	3	...
	1	2	1	1
	1	2	1	...
	3	1	6	...
	5	1	5	1
	3	1	4	1
	2	1	3	1
	1	1	3	...
	1	1	2	1
	1	1	2	...
	4	1	1	1
	5	1	...	1
	1	1	...	...
	1	...	3	...
	2	...	2	...
	2	...	1	...

* These figures indicate the number of orders passed out of Court on review of periodical returns (Civil and Criminal) and Sessions statements, but do not include the orders passed on Letters and References in the Administrative Department, which are extremely numerous and important, occupying much of the time of one of the Judges, and some of them being further considered by a Committee.

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X.

BUSINESS FROM ASSAM DISPOSED OF IN HIGH COURT, APPELLATE SIDE, 1877.

		Remaining from 1876.	Filed in 1877.	Disposed of in 1877.	Remaining at close of 1877.
I.—Regular Appeals		7	7	10	4
II.—Special Appeals		73	121	145	49
III.—Miscellaneous	Regular ...	3	2	2	3
	Special ...	2	4	2	4
VII.—Criminal Cases		11	73	77	7
VIII.—Miscellaneous orders in Court ...		...	42	42	...
IX.—Miscellaneous orders out of Court ...		...	51	51	...

Y.

APPEALS, &c., INSTITUTED IN THE HIGH COURT IN THE YEAR 1877.

(Shewing Divisions and Districts.)

		INSTITUTED IN 1877.							
		REGULAR APPEALS.		SPECIAL APPEALS.		MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.	CRIMINAL CASES.		
		Rs. 10,000 AND UPWARDS.	BELOW Rs. 10,000.	EXCEEDING Rs. 50 IN VALUE.	NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 50 IN VALUE.		APPEALS.	REFERENCES.	REVISIONS.
CENTRAL DIVISION.									
PRESIDENCY ...	24-PERGUNNAHS ...	6	8	83	34	16	17*	2	9
	NUDDEAH ...	1	5	52	24	10	26	2	20
	JESSORE ...	2	5	29	26	7	21	...	22
	MOORSHEDABAD ...	5	7	34	29	6	8	1	14
	Total ...	14	25	198	113	39	72	5	65
BURDWAN ...	BURDWAN, EAST ...	3	24	74	41	10	4	...	11
	BURDWAN, WEST ...	...	7	31	4	4	4	..	2
	BEERBHOOM ...	1	7	7	7	1	7	...	2
	MIDNAPORE ...	6	2	42	19	9	25	1	9
	HOOGHLY ...	4	4	54	34	14	10	...	29
	Total ...	14	44	208	105	38	50	1	53
BRITISH BURMA (RECORDER'S COURT) ...	RANGOON ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3
	MOULMEIN ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3
WESTERN DIVISION.									
PATNA ...	PATNA ...	5	7	99	47	21	16	2	15
	GYA ...	7	15	71	23	23	26	...	17
	SHAHABAD ...	2	11	106	67	10	17	1	15
	SARUN ...	6	13	121	82	27	11	1	11
	TIRHOOT ...	6	16	80	35	30	27	2	15
	Total ...	26	62	477	254	111	97	6	73
BHAUGULPOE	BHAUGULPORE ...	20	25	109	60	47	23	5	9
	PURNEAH ...	1	3	22	14	7	10	1	4
	Total ...	21	28	131	74	54	33	6	13
CHOTA NAGPORE	CHOTA NAGPORE ...	4	6	52	11	6	42	11	9
CUTTACK ...	CUTTACK ...	2	2	41	24	3	16	...	8
	Total ...	6	8	93	35	9	58	11	17

* Two of these cases were received from Calcutta.

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APPEALS, &c., INSTITUTED IN THE HIGH COURT IN THE YEAR 1877—concld.

(Shewing Divisions and Districts.)

		INSTITUTED IN 1877.							
		REGULAR APPEALS.		SPECIAL APPEALS.		MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.	CRIMINAL CASES.		
		Rs. 10,000 AND UPWARDS.	BELOW Rs. 10,000.	EXCEEDING Rs. 50 IN VALUE.	NOT EXCEEDING Rs. 50 IN VALUE.		APPEALS.	REFERENCES.	REVISIONS.
	EASTERN DIVISION.								
DACCA ...	DACCA ...	15	21	120	66	26	53	6	28
	BACKERGUNGE ...	3	4	37	17	17	46	8	26
	MYMENSING ...	3	7	95	116	18	37	3	17
	TIPPERAH ...	2	8	74	48	17	40	3	8
	Total ...	23	40	326	247	78	176	20	79
RAJSHAHYE ...	DINAGEPORE ...	...	1	18	8	2	28	1	21
	RAJSHAHYE ...	2	9	40	26	15	27	10	6
	RUNGPORE ...	1	4	25	39	6	39	4	19
	COOCH BEHAR ...	...	...	7	2	2	13	...	1
	Total ...	3	14	90	75	25	107	15	47
CHITTAGONG ...	CHITTAGONG ...	...	6	56	55	3	23	...	4
ASSAM ...	ASSAM ...	1	2	21	11	2	8	4	10
	SYLHET ...	...	3	54	30	4	20	3	19
	CACHAR ...	...	1	3	2	...	6	2	1
	Total ...	1	6	78	43	6	34	9	30

Z.

RESULT OF APPEALS, REVISIONS, &c., IN THE HIGH COURT DURING THE YEAR 1877.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
Regular Appeals ...	District Judge	47	17	7	24	7	102
	Subordinate Judge	102	30	18	11	31	192
Special Appeals ...	District Judge	1,350	135	60	249	50	1,844
	Subordinate Judge	1,436	164	13	194	80	1,887
Miscellaneous Appeals ...	District Judge	149	33	...	24	12	218
	Subordinate Judge	122	23	...	18	8	171
Criminal Appeals ...	Court of Sessions	549	68	58	4	1	680
Revisions ...	Court of Sessions	25	8	5	...	10	48
	Magistrate of District ...	33	31	1	3	4	72
	Other Magistrates	101	126	20	17	3	267

Z.

RESULT OF APPEALS, REVISIONS, &c., FROM ASSAM IN THE HIGH COURT IN 1877.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
Regular Appeals...	District Judge	5	2	1	...	1	9
	Subordinate Judge	1	...	...	...	...	1
Special Appeals ...	District Judge	63	...	...	17	...	80
	Subordinate Judge	50	5	1	9	...	65
Miscellaneous Appeals.	District Judge	2	2	...	...	...	4
	Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal Appeals...	Court of Sessions	27	8	3	...	...	38
Revisions ...	Court of Sessions	1	3	...	...	...	4
	Magistrate of District ...	1	3	...	...	...	3
	Other Magistrates	11	12	...	...	...	23

Judicial State

Statement shewing the number and description of Civil Suits

SUITS FOR MONEY DISTINGUISHING SUITS UP TO Rs. 500, COGNIZABLE BY SMALL CAUSE COURTS FROM OTHER CASES

CLASS OF TRIBUNALS.	On written obligation.		On unwritten.		On account stated.		Money had and received.		Goods sold.		Breach of contract not mentioned above.		Rent not falling under the Rent Law.		Movable property or value thereof.		Damages.	
	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts ...	27,404	...	6,378	...	1,268	...	875	...	5,701	...	1,496	...	2,790	...	954	...	2,667	...
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals (Moonsiffs' Courts) ...	96,263	2,295	7,427	104	7,244	166	3,150	102	2,802	46	2,208	39	1,529	19	6,274	68	3,378	61
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts (Subordinate Judges' Courts)	453	959	15	81	81	72	47	68	...	15	1	20	...	19	59	35	1	245
Chief Courts of Districts (District Judges' Courts) ...	...	26	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Revenue Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	124,120	3,280	13,820	186	8,593	240	4,072	170	8,503	61	3,705	59	4,229	38	7,287	104	6,047	307

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ment—6 (Civil).

instituted in the Civil Courts of the Lower Provinces in the year 1877.

SUITS UNDER THE RENT LAW.								OTHER SUITS.											
Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of leases	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts or on account of illegal restraint or other causes.	For Pottahs or Kubooleuts.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from Agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
116,827	2,770	370	272	223	1,330	787	3,470	27,228	1,058	4,413	1,230	559	49	452	39	341	496	3	90
509	19	...	1	5	1	54	46	868	90	447	184	103	11	52	3	2	32	1	3
20	...	...	...	...	1	4	2	21	...	15	1	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...
6,022	87	745	177	120	310	25	101	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
123,378	**2,876**	**1,115**	**450**	**348**	**1,642**	**870**	**3,619**	**28,117**	**1,148**	**4,875**	**1,415**	**662**	**63**	**504**	**44**	**343**	**528**	**4**	**93**
134,298								**37,796**											

Judicial Statement—7 (Civil).

Statement shewing value of Suits disposed of in the Civil and Revenue Courts of the Lower Provinces in the Year 1877.

VALUE OF SUITS.	Number of suits disposed of in different Courts.				Superior Courts.	Total number of suits disposed of in different Courts.	Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Village Courts.	Small Cause Courts	Moonsiffs', Deputy Collectors' and other Sub-Divisional Courts.	District Courts.				
							Rs.	
IN CIVIL COURTS.								
Not exceeding ... Rs. 5	...	3,623	30,890	38	...	34,551	1,09,374	
" ... ... " 20	...	15,084	90,902	258		106,244	14,65,941	
" ... .. " 100	...	25,763	137,623	421	...	163,807	76,41,635	
" ... .. " 500	...	5,404	36,303	97	...	41,804	81,19,540	
" ... ... " 1,000	...	..	4,775	70	.	4,845	34,01,315	
" ... . " 5,000	...	...	12	3,417	.	3,429	67,33,748	
" ... .. " 10,000	...	...	1	419	...	420	29,31,435	
" ... ... " 1,00,000	...	..	.	316	.	316	73,59,279	
Exceeding ... ... " 1,00,000	...	...	...	26	...	26	91,60,326	
Total ...	...	49,874	300,506	5,062		355,442	4,69,22,593	
IN REVENUE COURTS.								
Not exceeding .. Rs. 5	.	...	1,280	210	..	1,490	10,521	
" ... ... " 20	...	..	2,574	287	...	2,861	31,636	
" ... ... " 100	...	...	2,007	172	...	2,179	94,490	
" ... ... " 500	.	...	402	40	..	442	89,923	
" ... ... " 1,000	...	...	52	4		56	42,641	
" ... ... " 5,000	...	...	39	2	...	41	70,900	
" ... ... " 10,000	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
" ... ... " 1,00,000	...	...	1	...	...	1	14,396	
Exceeding ... ... " 1,00,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total in Revenue Courts ...	...	...	6,355	715	...	7,070	3,54,507	
Grand Total ...	...	49,874	306,861	5,777	...	362,512	4,72,77,100	

Judicial Statement—8 (Civil).

Statement shewing the general result of the trial of Civil Suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction, in the Lower Provinces, 1877.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1877	Received by transfer	Total for disposal	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex-parte	Dismissed ex-parte.	Contested. Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or part	Contested. Judgment for Defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Over 2 months.	Over 4 months	Average duration of suits, Contested.	Average duration of suits, Uncontested	Referred to arbitration.
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts ...	2,552	49,443	268	52,263	4	94	6,914	1,202	6,371	11,414	13,256	286	7,116	3,191	49,874	2,385	1	2	...	...	195
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals (Moonsiffs' Courts) ..	36,385	295,182	23,065	354,632	18,500	730	24,906	6,365	31,713	38,208	101,488	16,669	57,107	23,320	300,506	35,477	6,524	6,279	...	...	960
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts (Subordinate Judges' Courts) ...	1,380	4,602	665	6,647	406	17	202	42	404	442	1,524	21	1,632	582	4,866	1,365	360	526	...	...	121
Chief Courts of Districts (District Judges' Courts) ...	92	101	90	283	39	..	1	3	25	11	9	1	81	65	196	48	11	25	...	...	...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction (High Court, Original Side)	669	724	1	1,394	...	...	54	101	9	71	193	...	130	40	598	796	728	651	...	...	11
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty ...	2	8	..	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	10	2	8	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	.	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Insolvent ...	184	76	...	260	...	...	12	4	...	...	...	...	...	..	16	199	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Divorce ...	6	2	...	8	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	5	...	5	...	...	...
Total ...	* 41,270	350,138	24,089	415,497	18,949	841	32,119	7,718	38,522	50,146	116,471	16,977	66,066	27,199	356,059	40,285	7,626	7,496	...	...	1,287
REVENUE COURTS.																					
Unpaid Local Tribunals ..	...		.	...	...	...	...	...		..	..	...	..	...	...	...	.	.	...	...	..
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	867	3,916	3,047	7,830	11	2	1,227	103	499	567	1,329	33	1,950	645	6,355	1,464	312	247	..	...	...
Courts of Collectors ...	245	3,671	...	3,916	3,036	...	187	23	53	75	124	..	160	93	715	165	2	2	.	...	...
Total ...	1,112	7,587	3,047	11,746	3,047	2	1,414	126	552	642	1,453	33	2,110	738	7,070	1,629	314	249	...	..	...
Grand Total ...	42,382	357,725	27,136	427,243	21,996	843	33,533	7,844	39,074	50,788	117,924	17,010	68,176	27,937	363,129	41,914	7,940	7,745	...	...	1,287

In 159 cases plaints were rejected without registration.
The difference of 7 cases, as compared with the figures given last year, is due to the orders for remand having been cancelled in this number of cases

Judicial Statement—9 (Civil).

Statement shewing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts in the Lower Provinces, 1877.

CLASS OF COURTS		Remaining	Instituted	Received by transfer	Total	Transferred	Dismissed for default or under Sections 5 and 6 of Act XXIII of 1861	Heard ex-parte: Confirmed	Heard ex-parte: Modified	Heard ex-parte: Reversed	Contested: Confirmed	Contested: Modified	Contested: Reversed	Contested: Remanded	Total disposed of	Pending	Over four months	Objections under Section 348, Act VIII of 1859	Objections allowed.
Civil Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District.	Civil Appeals ...	1,921	112	7,652	9,685	785	302	84	10	44	4,076	492	1,405	216	6,629	2,271	1,535	241	79
	Revenue Appeals	754	...	4,860	5,614	442	141	118	18	43	2,354	621	722	202	4,219	953	556	99	42
Collectors' Appellate Courts		71	460	.	531	.	18	24	...	8	275	30	62	26	443	88	29	.	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts (District Judges' Courts).	Civil Appeals ..	4,214	10,548	1,026	15,788	7,477	299	89		32	2,779	229	832	105	4,365	3,946	1,892	147	39
	Revenue Appeals	2,561	9,487	447	12,495	4,663	172	88	7	22	2,292	589	741	529	4,440	3,392	1,351	88	28
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Province, each Class of Courts being specified.		...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
ief Court of Province (High Court.)	Regular Appeals from Judge or Bench in Original Jurisdiction.	7	38	..	45	..	4	3	.	..	13		1	2	23	22	9	...	...
	Ditto from District Courts*	491	330	..	821	...	37		...	..	143	24	45	35	284	537	...	...	...
	Special Appeals* ..	3,301	2,477	...	5,778		130	...	..	.	2,673	72	294	417	3,586	2,192		...	...
Total ...		13 320	23,452	13,985	50,757	13,367	1,103	406	35	149	14,605	2,057	4,102	1,532	23,989	13,401	5,372	575	188

* The figures given do not include appeals from the decisions of Courts in Assam

Judicial Statement—10 (Civil).

Statement shewing the Execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the year 1877.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Applications to execute Decrees				Decrees completely executed	Decrees partially executed	Pending at the end of 1877	Decrees executed by possession being given	Nature and Number of Coercive Processes issued						REMARKS.
									Imprisonment of person.	Movable Property		Immovable Property		Order under Section 243, Act VIII of 1859.	
	Pending	Filed.	Received by transfer	Total						Attached	Sold	Attached	Sold.		
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.		.	..	...	...	
Small Cause Courts	2,576	31,880	10	34,466	5,108	26,754	2,217	...	564	6,016	2,474	161	...	...	
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals (Moonsiffs' Courts)	49,550	210,380	10,547	270,477	63,891	145,609	51,239	7,242	3,200	35,612	12,746	64,373	21,932	109	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of District (Sub-Judges' Courts)... ...	2,639	9,847	527	13,013	2,511	7,054	3,008	336	137	949	284	3,926	1,490	65	
Chief Courts of Districts (District Judges' Courts)	459	1,119	649	2,227	557	729	522	58	21	167	55	451	259	4	
Revenue Courts	1,033	3,227	51	4,311	1,257	2,264	789	74	14	892	434	945	233	21	
Total ...	**56,257**	**256,453**	**11,784**	**324,494**	**73,324**	**182,410**	**57,775**	**7,710**	**3,936**	**43,636**	**15,993**	**69,856**	**23,914**	**199**	

Assam Judicial

Statement shewing the number and description of Civil Suits

SUITS FOR MONEY DISTINGUISHING SUITS UP TO Rs. 500, COGNIZABLE BY SMALL CAUSE COURTS FROM OTHER CASES.

CLASS OF TRIBUNALS.	On written obligation.		On unwritten.		On account stated.		Money had and received.		Goods sold.		Breach of contract not mentioned above.		Rent not falling under the Rent Law.		Movable property or value thereof.		Damages.	
	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.
Village Courts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals (Moonsiffs' Courts) ...	9,243	104	1,470	10	1,144	11	364	8	322	7	721	3	239	2	1,749	12	805	5
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts (Subordinate Judges' Courts)	211	50	38	2	76	6	5	2	9	3	12	3	10	1	60	6	23	3
Chief Courts of Districts (District Judges' Courts) ...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3
Revenue Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	9,454	156	1,508	13	1,220	18	369	11	331	10	733	6	249	3	1,810	18	828	11

16,748

Statement—6 (Civil).

instituted in the Civil Courts of Assam in the year 1877.

SUITS UNDER THE RENT LAW.								OTHER SUITS.											
Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancelment of leases.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to distraint.	Damages for extortion or withholding receipts or on account of illegal restraint or other causes.	For Pottahs or Kuboolents.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from Agents,	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1,305	...	2	...	7	76	6	19	2,555	35	182	66	7	3	21	6	208	4	...	1
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
241	...	2	21	72	3	3	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1,546	...	4	21	79	79	9	36	2,579	35	184	67	11	3	21	6	208	4	...	1
1,774								3,119											

Assam Judicial Statement—7 (Civil).

Statement shewing value of Suits disposed of in the Civil and Revenue Courts of Assam in the Year 1877.

VALUE OF SUITS.	Number of suits disposed of in different courts.				Superior Courts.	Total number of Suits disposed of in different Courts.	Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Village Courts.	Small Cause Courts.	Moonsiffs', Deputy Collectors', and other Sub-divisional Courts.	District Courts.				
IN CIVIL COURTS.							Rs.	
Not exceeding ... Rs. 5	...	...	1,625	36	...	1,661	6,132	
" ... ... " 20	...	...	5,324	201	...	5,525	79,001	
" ... ... " 100	...	...	10,339	322	...	10,661	5,09,941	
" ... ... " 500	...	...	2,719	22	...	2,741	5,15,796	
" ... ... " 1,000	...	...	193	1	...	194	1,32,846	
" ... ... " 5,000	...	...	...	96	...	96	1,87,402	
" ... ... " 10,000	...	...	...	10	...	10	70,036	
" ... ... " 1,00,000	...	...	...	1	...	1	11,965	
Exceeding ... ... " 1,00,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	20,200	689	...	20,889	15,13,119	
IN REVENUE COURTS.								
Not exceeding ... Rs. 5	...	...	98	5	...	103	342	
" ... ... " 20	...	...	145	5	...	150	1,705	
" ... ... " 100	...	...	75	3	...	78	3,179	
" ... ... " 500	...	...	6	...	...	6	1,253	
" ... ... " 1,000	...	...	1	...	...	...	958	
" ... ... " 5,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
" ... ... " 10,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
" ... ... " 1,00,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Exceeding ... ... " 1,00,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	325	13	...	338	7,437	
Grand Total ...	...	...	20,525	702	...	21,227	15,20,556	

Assam Judicial Statement—8 (Civil).

Statement shewing the general result of the trial of Ciril Suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in 1877, for the Province of Assam.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1877	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaint rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex-parte.	Contested. Judgment for Plaintiff in whole or part.	Contested. Judgment for Defendant	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Over 2 months.	Over 4 months	Average duration of suits. Contested.	Average duration of suits. Uncontested.	Referred to arbitration.
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals (Moonsiffs' Courts) ...	2,155	20,722	2,384	25,261	2,269	191	2,774	381	1,919	2,540	5,624	1,021	3,541	2,203	20,200	2,792	337	304	...	...	96
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts (Sub-Judges' Courts) ...	105	550	62	717	14	9	70	12	39	36	216	50	133	100	665	38	13	4	...	...	1
Chief Courts of Districts (District Judges' Courts) ...	5	16	21	36	2	1	3	...	3	3	7	...	2	5	24	10	2	6	...	...	...
Total ...	**2,265**	**21,282**	**2,467**	**26,014**	**2,285**	**201**	**2,847**	**396**	**1,961**	**2,579**	**5,847**	**1,071**	**3,679**	**2,308**	**20,889**	**2,840**	**352**	**314**	...	...	**97**
REVENUE COURTS.																					
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	22	327	94	443	73		95	10	31	50	39	..	61	39	325	45	5	...	...	...	...
Courts of Collectors ...	2	32	1	35	22	...	.	...	4	3	...	...	3	3	13	..	..	...	...	...	...
Total ..	**24**	**359**	**95**	**478**	**95**	...	**95**	**10**	**35**	**53**	**39**	...	**64**	**42**	**338**	**45**	**5**	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	**2,289**	**21,641**	**2,562**	**26,492**	**2,380**	**201**	**2,942**	**406**	**1,996**	**2,632**	**5,886**	**1,071**	**3,743**	**2,350**	**21,227**	**2,885**	**357**	**314**	...	...	**97**

Assam Judicial Statement—9 (Civil).

Statement shewing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts in the year 1877, for the Province of Assam.

CLASS OF COURTS.		Remaining.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Dismissed for default or under Sections 5 and 6 of Act XXIII of 1861.	Heard ex-parte. Confirmed.	Heard ex-parte. Modified.	Heard ex-parte. Reversed.	Contested. Confirmed.	Contested. Modified.	Contested. Reversed.	Contested. Remanded.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over four months.	Objections under Sec. 348, Act VIII of 1859.	Objections allowed.
Civil Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District (Subordinate Judges' Courts).		184	421	367	972	35	21	30	1	9	573	49	140	22	845	92	35	28	5
Collectors' Appellate Courts		...	11	...	11	...	...	1	...	...	7	...	3	...	11	...	...	...	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts (District Judges' Courts)	Civil Appeals	234	650	49	933	360	12	14	2	5	213	33	90	14	383	190	37	29	6
	Revenue Appeals ...	15	135	1	151	...	...	7	4	...	66	11	11	...	99	52	...	12	1
Chief Court of Province (High Court)	Regular Appeals from District Courts.	7	13	...	20	...	1	...	...	...	6	1	2	...	10	10	...	...	...
	Special Appeals ...	73	181	...	254	...	...	...	...	...	113	1	5	26	145	109	...	...	...
Total ...		513	1,411	417	2,341	395	34	52	7	14	978	95	251	62	1,493	453	72	69	12

Assam Judicial Statement—10 (Civil).

Statement shewing the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the year 1877, for the Province of Assam.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Applications to execute decrees.				Decrees completely executed.	Decrees partially executed.	Pending at the end of 1877.	Decrees executed by possession being given.	Nature and Number of Coercive Processes issued.						Remarks.
										Movable property.		Immovable property.			
	Pending.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.					Imprisonment of person.	Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	Order under Section 243, Act VIII of 1859.	
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals (Moonsiffs' Courts)	1,714	10,355	247	12,316	2,579	6,986	1,654	938	126	1,016	428	2,496	971	...	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts (Subordinate Judges' Courts) ...	76	445	20	541	104	266	77	25	2	23	10	321	45	1	
Chief Courts of Districts (District Judges' Courts)	6	41	81	128	10	25	10	2	6	8	2	11	4	...	
Revenue Courts	9	119	...	128	50	71	7	1	2	41	9	20	12	...	
Total ...	1,805	10,960	348	13,113	2,743	7,348	1,748	966	136	1,088	449	2,848	1,032	1	

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REPORT

ON

THE ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL JUSTICE

IN

THE LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL

IN

1878.

THE following report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal has been drawn up on the same plan as that adopted last year, but some alterations have been made in the forms of statements appended, in communication with the Government of India. A separate report has been prepared for Assam, and the figures relating to that Province have accordingly been omitted from the present report.

It has not been found practicable to submit this report within the first half of the current year, owing chiefly to the great difficulty which has been found in obtaining correct returns from District Judges. The changes introduced in the forms of statement at the close of the year under review made some delay inevitable. In some cases, however, the delay has been excessive, and is not to be accounted for by any difficulties connected with the forms of the returns, or by any effort to secure the correctness of the entries made in them.

All the existing orders on the subject of periodical civil statements have now been revised, and consolidated instructions have been given on points which have caused difficulty, and the attention of District Judges has been again called to the necessity for a punctual submission of correct returns. The Court trusts that no further cause for complaint on this head will be given.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original suits.

The number of civil suits, including Divorce, Vice-Admiralty and Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases pending on the Original Side of the High Court at the end of 1877 was 811, and the number instituted during 1878 was 741, making together a total of 1,552.

The suits instituted during 1878 may be classified thus :—

25 for possession of immovable property,
19 for partition,
13 for foreclosure or sale,
10 for specific performance,
32 for declaration of rights,
36 for account,
7 Vice-Admiralty,
5 Testamentary and Intestate (contentious),
9 for the administration of estates,
6 under section 523 of Act X of 1877,
1 special case under section 527 of Act X of 1877,
576 for specific money claims, amounting to Rs. 38,61,462-5-11,
2 Divorce.

	Disposed of.	Pending at the close of the year.
* Original suits, including Vice-Admiralty and Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases	593	952
Divorce suits	1	
	594	958

The number of suits* disposed of in 1878 was 594, leaving undisposed of at the end of the year 958.

Of the suits disposed of—

79 were dismissed for default of the plaintiff's appearing,
82 were withdrawn,
8 were decreed upon award,
9 were determined by compromise,
69 were decreed on confession,
214 were heard and determined *ex parte*,
133 were contested.

Interlocutory applications.

There were also disposed of during the year 286 petitions for probates and letters of administration, and about 1,969 interlocutory applications, including applications for *ad interim* injunctions, for the appointment of a Receiver, for the discovery of documents, for execution, &c.

References to take accounts. &c.

The number of references to take accounts, to make enquiries, to settle conveyances, &c., pending at the commencement of 1878 was 148. The number of fresh references directed by the Court during the year was 120, making a total of 268. Of these 38 were disposed of by a Judge in Chambers, and 135 were disposed of by the Registrar on the original side. In 26 of the cases disposed of by the Registrar, that officer conducted the sale of property ordered to be sold otherwise than in the ordinary course of execution, after examining the title and settling the conditions of sale.

Proclamations under s. 287.

In connection with the quasi-judicial duties of the Registrar, it should be stated that 26 proclamations of sales to be held in the ordinary course of execution were settled by him under the rules mentioned in the last report as having been passed with the object of enabling him to perform all acts to be done under section 287 of Act X of 1877. Of these proclamations 19 were settled after inspection of documentary evidence, and seven after the examination of witnesses.

Appeals from Original Jurisdiction.

The number of appeals from the Court's Original Jurisdiction to its Appellate Jurisdiction pending at the commencement of 1878, was 22, and the number filed during the year was 29, making a total of 51. Of these five were dismissed for default, and 31 were disposed of on the merits. Of those disposed of on the merits, the decrees appealed from were affirmed in 20 cases, were modified in three cases, and were reversed in six cases.

References from the Calcutta Small Cause Court.

There were nine references from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes. Of these seven were disposed of on the merits, the judgment being upheld in three cases, being modified in two cases, and being set aside in two cases.

Insolvent Cases.

In the Insolvent Court the number of cases pending at the commencement of 1878 was 199, and the number filed during the year was 80. The total number on the files was 279. Of these, 69 were disposed of on the merits and 19 otherwise, leaving 191 undisposed of. Of this number, 85 are old cases, in which no schedules have been filed, and in respect to which Mr. Justice White, when acting as Commissioner in Insolvency, recorded a minute, from which the following is quoted:—

"I have now to consider how these 85 cases should be dealt with. With respect to the more recent ones, I can only direct that efforts be made to compel the insolvents to file their schedules where there is a reasonable prospect that the efforts will be attended with success. As regards the more ancient of them, it has become a question with me whether I should follow the course which, if I am rightly informed, has been recently adopted by one of the learned Commissioners in Insolvency at Bombay, namely, order the petitions to be dismissed, and the adjudications to be annulled as for want of prosecution.

"But after much consideration I am unable to see my way to taking that step, because to dismiss the petitions and cancel the adjudications in those instances where the failure to file the schedule is intentional, would be, if not to assist the parties in their fraudulent projects, at least to relieve them from all the inconveniences and disadvantages which they are under from having improperly had recourse to this Court.

"At present all the property of these insolvents, which they had when they filed their petitions, or were adjudged bankrupts, is vested in the Official Assignee, and all property coming to them between that date and until they have obtained a final certificate in the nature of a discharge is also vested in the Official Assignee. The consequence is that, so long as the petitions and adjudications remain in force, the insolvents can make no title to any property;

and furthermore, if they have occasion to sue in any Court, they will be liable to have their suits stayed on the ground of their insolvency. The difficulties to which they are thus exposed are no doubt much less felt in this country than they would be elsewhere, but still they are, or may be, a source of embarrassment, and I am not inclined to take any step which would necessarily have the effect of relieving these insolvents from that embarrassment The fact also that in some of the 85 cases assets have come into the hands of the Official Assignee, and still remain with him, renders it inexpedient to deal with these petitions and adjudications in the summary manner suggested.

"The result is, that I shall make no order as regards any of these cases beyond directing that where it is practicable the insolvents should be procured to file schedules."

Orders.

There were also disposed of during the year 641 miscellaneous applications, including 54 applications for protection orders.

Judges' time occupied.

For the hearing of original suits two Judges sat together for seven days, two Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 56 days, and one Judge sat alone for 169 days.

References to take accounts, &c., occupied one Judge for 18 days.

The Insolvent Court occupied one Judge for 48 days.

The Criminal Sessions occupied one Judge for 50 days.

The appeals from the Original side, and the references from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes occupied three Judges for two days, and two Judges for 43 days.

A case for the opinion of the full Bench in a matter arising out of an appeal from the original side of the Court occupied five Judges for three days.

Appeals to the Privy Council.

There were 12 appeals to Her Majesty in Council at the close of 1877. Of these seven were struck off the files by this Court for want of prosecution, three were disposed of by the Privy Council on the merits, and four are still pending before the Privy Council. Of the three cases disposed of on the merits, the decree was confirmed in one case, was modified in one case, and was reversed in one case. No appeal to Her Majesty in Council was preferred in 1878.

Income.

The following is a statement shewing the receipts and expenditure on the original side during the last three years:—

Receipts.

	1876.			1877			1878.		
	Rs	As	P	Rs	As	P.	Rs	As.	P.
Commission of the Accountant General	11,374	7	7	12,440	12	7	11 963	13	8
Do on sales by the Registrar	Included in other fees			4,014	10	0	5 780	2	9
Receiver's Commission	23,625	12	8	16 242	14	6	13 444	2	5
Fines realized	1,010	0	0	25 305	0	0	210	0	0
Other fees realized by means of stamps	1,97,532	10	0	1,96,783	5	0	1 80 323	10	0
Total	2,33,542	14	3	2,55 666	10	1	2,11,721	12	10
Probate and Administration duty	1,77,937	8	0	1,84,827	0	0	2,29,496	0	0

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Surplus
1876	2,33,542 14 3	1,87,087 0 0	46,155 14 3
1877	2,55,666 10 1	1,80 120 12 0	75 545 14 1
1878	2,11,721 12 10	1,83,557 8 3	28,164 4 7

The excess of expenditure in 1878 over 1877 is accounted for by the fact that the Receiver and Assistant Registrar were on leave in 1877, and that the pay of those officers was debited at Rs. 11,584 in 1877 as against Rs. 17,260 in 1878.

II.—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Original Suits instituted disposed of and pending. 1877-78.

The total number of original suits instituted, disposed of and pending in the Civil Courts of the Lower Provinces subordinate to the High Court in each of the three past years, was as follows:—

See Statement

	Instituted.	Disposed of	Pending
1876	338,856	346,007	40,116
1877	319,349	356,505	39,279
1878	355,176	352,917.	46,190

These figures show that there was an increase of 5,827 suits filed in 1878 as compared with one of 10,493 in 1877; a decrease of 3,588 in the number of suits decided in the past as compared with an increase of 10,498 in the previous year, and an increase of 6,911 in the pending files at the close of 1878, as compared with a decrease of 1,137 at the close of 1877.

	Reg.	S. C. C.
1876	291,433	47,423
1877	299,906	49,413
1878	300,520	54,656

The figures given in the margin show that the increase in the number of suits filed in the past year was almost confined to the Small Cause Courts, that in the regular Civil Courts being merely nominal.

Suits instituted.

A reference to the details given for each district in Table A shows that in the Regular Civil Courts there was an increase in the number of suits filed of upwards of 2,000 in Backergunge and Noacolly; of upwards of 1,000 in Julpigoree and Shahabad, and of upwards of 500 in Mymensingh, Midnapore and Bhaugulpore and a decrease of upwards of 2,000 suits in the 24-Pergunnahs and of upwards of 1,000 in East Burdwan, Dinagepore and Dacca. In the Courts of Small Causes there was an increase in the number of suits instituted of upwards of 1,000 in the 24-Pergunnahs and Nuddea, and of upwards of 500 in Bhaugulpore and Cuttack.

The following are some of the reasons suggested by District Judges in explanation of the results shown in their returns. In Backergunge, Mr. Smith attributes an increase in money and rent suits to the impoverishment of the people caused by the Cyclone and subsequent bad harvests. In Bhaugulpore and Dinagepore, the decrease in rent suits is attributed to a good harvest and high prices obtained for agricultural produce. Tenants have been able to meet their landlords' demands with ease; mahajuns, on the contrary, have pressed their claims in the former district, the result being an increase in money claims. The more frequent sittings of the Small Cause Court Judge in Monghyr are also said to have led to an increase in the business of the Court. In Beerbhoom a decrease in original institutions is attributed in part to high prices prevailing in the country, but also in part to the prevalence of malarious fever, and to changes in jurisdiction being contemplated. In Gya an increase in the number and value of suits instituted in the Courts of Munsiffs is said to be the result of the more prosperous condition of the community in the past than in the previous year. In Shahabad on the contrary, it is stated that the past year was not a good agricultural year, and that in consequence there was an increase in rent suits. In Furreedpore the dearness of provisions "at one time almost touching famine prices" is said to have caused a decrease in litigation. In Tipperah the Munsiff of Muradnugur attributes the increase of money suits to a growing indebtedness of the rural population "said to be the result of the evils of the ijara system." The Judge mentions, without adopting, this view, not having himself been long enough in the district to satisfy himself on the subject. In Noacolly the increase in the institution of regular suits is attributed to "progression in trade and rent realizations." In Hooghly there was a decrease in rent suits said to be due to the forbearance of landlords in a year in which the common necessaries of life were at famine prices. Mr. Grant also points out that as parties hastened to file their suits towards the close of 1877 in order to anticipate the operation of the new laws about to come into force, the natural result has been a decrease in the number of suits filed in the early part of 1878.

Suits disposed of.

There was an increase of upwards of 3,000 in the number of suits decided in the Regular Civil Courts in Noacolly, of upwards of 2,000 in Backergunge, and of upwards of 1,000 in Julpigoree. In the 24-Pergunnahs, on the other hand, there was a decrease of nearly 3,000 in the number of suits decided. There was an increase, or decrease in the number of cases decided, corresponding to, or greater than, that in the institutions in the other districts mentioned above.

Pending.

In the districts noted in the margin, there was a considerable increase in the pending files at the close of 1878, in the regular Civil Courts. The inadequacy of the staff of Moonsiffs permanently sanctioned for these districts had long been recognized, and an addition was made towards the close of the year to the number employed in these and other districts, by which it is hoped that the further accumulation of arrears will be prevented. In Furreedpore and Tirhoot the returns

	Increase.
Midnapore	664
Tipperah	609
Backergunge	580
Moorshedabad	575
Rungpore	530

show that there was a material reduction in the pending files. This was effected in the case of both districts with the assistance of extra Munsiffs whose services were temporarily given for the purpose, and an increase has now been made permanently to the staff employed.

Long pending suits and appeals, 1877 and 1878.
See Statement B.

The number of suits and appeals pending for more than one year at the end of 1877 and 1878 respectively, is shown in the margin. The number of original suits of long pendency has increased in Patna, Tipperah, Sarun, and Mymensingh and decreased in Tirhoot and Noacolly. In Nuddea, Patna and Sarun the files of appeals have fallen into arrears. A Second Subordinate Judge has been sent to the district last mentioned. In Patna it was found impossible to spare the services of the Second Subordinate Judge who had been sent temporarily to Tirhoot, but detained there permanently. A new appointment has accordingly been sanctioned by the Government so that both districts will in future have two Judges of this grade. Owing to an accumulation of land-acquisition and miscellaneous cases on the files of the Judges of Gya and Patna an Additional Judge was temporarily appointed, who was for a time employed in the former district and transferred to the latter at the close of the year.

	1877.	1878.
Original suits . .	136	188
Appeals . .	334	689

Number and value of suits instituted, 1874 to 1878.
See Statement C.

In statement C it is shown that, including cases in the Courts of Small Causes, the total number of suits filed in 1878 exceeded the total number filed in 1874, by 75,688, or 27 per cent. The value in litigation at the same time increased to Rs. 7,03,23,202 as compared with Rs. 4,11,68,488.

Taking the number of suits filed in 1878 as a criterion, the following is the order in which the districts now rank :—

	Exceeding 20,000 suits.	
Jessore.	24-Pergunnahs.	Dacca.
	Exceeding 15,000 suits.	
Tipperah.	Mymensing.	Nuddea.
Backergunge.	Rungpore.	Midnapore.
	Exceeding 10,000 suits.	
Hooghly.	Bhaugulpore.	Noacolly.
Furreedpore.	East Burdwan.	Chittagong.
Moorshedabad.	Dinagepore	
	Exceeding 5,000 suits.	
Cuttack.	Rajshahye.	Tirhoot.
Purneah.	Shahabad.	Sarun.
	Exceeding 2,000 suits.	
Patna.	Julpigoree.	Chota Nagpore.
Beerbhoom.	West Burdwan.	Gya.

In Jessore the number of suits instituted nearly reached 30,000, more than one-third of the whole being filed in the Courts of Small Causes. In the 24-Pergunnahs the total number of suits was somewhat less, but the number filed in the regular Civil Courts was greater than in Jessore. In Dacca, taken alone, the number of suits filed has apparently fallen off considerably during the past five years, a result which is due to Furreedpore having been made a separate Judgeship in 1875. Taking both districts together, the total number of suits filed in 1878 was 33,439 or 8,847 more than in 1874. In the same way taking Tipperah, Noacolly and Chittagong together, the total number of suits filed in 1878 was 44,478 or 9,445 more than in 1874.

The following are the other districts where the increase in litigation during the past five years has been very marked, Tirhoot where it amounts to 97 per cent., Julpigoree to 88 per cent., Hooghly to 49 per cent., Bhaugulpore to 44 per cent., Backergunge to 36 per cent., Rungpore to 32 per cent., Beerbhoom to 25 per cent., and 24-Pergunnahs to 23 per cent. In Julpigoree the increase has been caused by special and temporary causes. In the other districts, the increase has been gradual and is likely to be maintained.

The great excess in the value in litigation in 1878 as compared with that in 1874 is in a great measure due to the institution of a few suits of unusual magnitude in Gya. The value of the suits instituted in the regular Civil Courts of that district in the past year was Rs. 2,86,07,267 as compared with Rs. 25,14,471, the average of the seven preceding years. Substituting the latter

for the former figure in the returns for the past year, the following comparison with the results in 1874 may be instituted :—

	1874.	1878.
	Rs.	Rs.
Regular Civil Courts	3,91,15,741	4,14,81,298
Small Cause Courts	20,52,747	27,72,108

The figures for the years 1871 to 1877 given below show that the value of suits bears no proportion to their number, but depends entirely on accidental circumstances—

	Number.	Value. Rs.
1871	2,06,530	3,34,05,562
1872	2,26,513	4,01,04,081
1873	2,47,926	3,66,35,251
1874	2,42,182	3,91,15,741
1875	2,78,391	4,04,57,474
1876	2,91,433	4,79,78,629
1877	2,99,906	3,99,89,304

Classification of suits instituted, 1877 and 1878.
See Statement D.

The number of suits of each class instituted in all the Civil Courts in each of the past two years was as follows :—

	1877.	1878.
Small Cause Court Class	1,84,836	1,88,037
Rent Suits	1,26,721	1,26,902
Other Class	37,792	40,237

Excluding cases instituted in the Small Cause Courts, the number of cases of the Small Cause Court Class instituted in 1878 was 133,381, of which 34,825 were dealt with by officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court for the trial of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. Comparing the results in the past with those in the previous year, it appears that, in cases instituted in the Small Cause Courts, there has been an increase of 10 per cent. and in cases of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the regular Civil Courts a decrease of 1·5 per cent. As regards suits under the rent-law the results in both years were almost identical, while in "title and other suits" an increase of 6 per cent. is observable.

The increase in cases of the Small Cause Court class will be considered later in this report with reference to the Small Cause Courts in which it occurred.

As regards rent-suits, an increase of 1,778 cases is observable in Backergunge and of 1,315 in Noacolly, while a decrease of 1,502 cases is observable in East Burdwan, and of 1,836 in the 24-Pergunnahs. In title and other suits the increase is chiefly traceable in the returns of Bhaugulpore, Gya, Tirhoot, Rungpore, Mymensingh and Noacolly, while a marked decrease occurred in Purneah.

Following the usual practice, the following statements are given showing in what districts suits of each class are most numerous.

Including cases in the Small Cause Courts, the following districts had more than 10,000 suits for money or movables.

	1877.	1878.
Dacca	16,205	15,116
Jessore	15,080	14 503
24-Pergunnahs	13,666	14,102
Mymensingh	12,836	13,141
Nuddea	10,236	11,733

These districts occupy precisely the same relative position in the past as in the previous year.

The only districts where the number of rent-suits exceeded 10,000 in the past year were—

	1877.	1878.
Jessore	13,293	12,885
Backergunge	8,439	10,217

In the following districts the number of title and other suits instituted exceeded 2,500 :

	1877.	1878.
East Burdwan	2,688	2,776
24-Pergunnahs	2,813	2,675
Mymensingh	2,113	2,521

The following table gives details regarding the suits for money or movables instituted in the past two years in the regular Civil Courts and the Courts of Small Causes—

Description of suits.	Small Cause Courts.		Regular Courts.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
On written obligation	27,404	28,466	99,996	98,210
On unwritten obligation	6,378	6,500	7,628	7,767
On account stated	1,268	2,208	7,565	6,922
Money had and received	875	1,193	3,367	2,409
Goods sold	5,701	7,534	2,863	3,292
Wages, work and materials	...	1,192	...	1,001
Breach of Contract not mentioned above	1,496	1,398	2,268	1,832
Rent not falling under the rent-law	2,700	2,800	1,567	1,831
Movable property or value thereof	954	750	6,437	6,010
Damages	2,667	2,615	3,687	4,107
Total	49,443	54,656	135,378	133,381

Under the head "Breach of contract not mentioned above" there is an apparent decrease due to the introduction of a new sub-head "Wages, work and materials;" the head under which the chief increase in the number of suits filed has occurred is "goods sold." Bond suits continue to form about 70 per cent. of the whole number of suits of this class instituted.

The following table contains a comparative statement of the various descriptions of rent suits instituted during the past two years in the Civil Courts and in the Revenue Courts.

Description of suits.	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Arrears of rent	117,356	119,097	6,022	7,472
Enhancement or abatement of rent	2,789	1,520	87	87
Relating to distraint	370	431	745	683
Damages for extortion &c.	273	300	177	93
For pottahs or kaboolyuts	228	256	120	144
For ejectment or recovery of possession	1,332	829	310	454
For recovery of money or accounts from agents	845	842	25	19
All other suits under the rent-law	3,518	3,627	101	52
Total	126,711	126,902	7,587	9,004

The chief point calling for remark in this return is the increase in the number of suits for arrears of rent, against which is to be placed a decrease in the number of suits for enhancement of rent and for ejectment or recovery of possession.

The following statement gives details of suits other than rent-suits, and suits of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the past two years:

Description of suits.	Number of Suits.		Percentage of the total number of the class.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Suits for immovable property	28,117	25,143	74·39	62·5
Suits for declaratory decrees	...	781	3·04	1·94
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	1,148	4,570	12·9	11·33
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property	4,875	6,046	3·74	15·02
Suits to declare and establish personal rights	1,415	912	1·75	2·26
Suits for an account	662	693	·17	1·72
Suits relating to religious endowments	63	84	1·32	·2
Suits to set aside judgments, &c., on the ground of fraud	504	568	·11	1·41
Suits for dissolution of marriage	44	48	·89	·11
Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights	343	381	1·39	·87
Suits for partition	528	638	...	1·58
Suits relating to shipping	4	3	·25	
Suits relating to religion and caste	93	74	...	·18
Administration suits	...	78	...	·19
Interpleader suits	...	48	...	·04
Dissolution of partnership	...	18	...	·11
Suits under section 261 Act X of 1865	...	47	...	·26
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	...	105	...	
Total	37,796	40,237	100	100

Several new sub-heads have been introduced into the returns for 1878, and in consequence a comparison in detail with the returns for 1877 is rendered difficult. It appears, however, that there has been a decrease of 2,974 suits for immovable property, and an increase of 4,203 in the number of suits under the Specific Relief Act, and of 1,171 in the number of suits to declare and establish rights to real property. It has already been more than once explained that the form which suits take, depends, to a great extent, on the provisions of the Court-fees Act under which declaratory suits may be brought with a merely nominal institution fee. Contested probate cases are now included in the returns of regular suits. They will hereafter occupy a very appreciable amount of the time of the Courts trying them, which by law have to proceed as in the case of regular suits. The number in the past year was 47 only.

Suits valued according to class.
See Statement E.

The following statement shows the value of suits of each class instituted in each of the past two years:—

		1877.	1878.
		Rs.	Rs.
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	24,93,127	27,79,108
	Regular Courts	1,43,53,946	1,49,19,907
Suits under the rent-law		68,29,951	74,62,677
Title and other suits		1,80,97,952	4,51,61,510

It has already been explained that the very great increase in value of title and other suits is due to a few suits instituted in the past year in Gya. Under the other heads the increase is not abnormal.

The average value of a suit of each class in each of the two past years was as follows:—

		1877.	1878.
		Rs.	Rs.
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	50·4	50·8
	Regular Courts	106·4	111·8
Suits under the rent-law		53·9	58·8
Title and other suits		478·9	1,122·5

The following table gives further details of the value of suits instituted in 1878: **Details of value.** *See Statement 3.*

Details of Value.	Suits for Money or Movables.			Suits under the rent law.	Title and other suits.
	Small Cause Courts.	Regular Courts.			
		Under Small Cause Court powers.	Under ordinary procedure.		
Not exceeding Rs. 10 . . .	9,493	7,412	7,956	40,766	5,201
" " 50 . .	27,651	27,896	42,486	57,821	15,690
" " 100 . .	10,567	...	25,689	15,992	7,771
" " 500 . .	6,945	...	17,954	10,306	7,903
Exceeding " 500 or value not ascertained . . .	...	7	3,981	2,017	3,672
Total ...	54,556	35,315	98,066	1,26,902	40,237

It thus appears that 3,45,499 or 97·3 per cent. of the whole number of suits instituted in the Civil Courts did not exceed Rs. 500 in value. Of those instituted in the Small Cause Courts, 37,144 or 68 per cent. did not exceed Rs. 50 in value. Of suits of the Small Cause Court class instituted in the regular Civil Courts, 85,750 or 64 per cent. did not exceed the same value. Of these 35,308 or 41 per cent. were dealt with by officers vested with Small Cause Court powers. Of rent-suits 32 per cent. did not exceed Rs. 10 in value, and 45 per cent. more did not exceed Rs. 50 in value. Of title and other suits, 41 per cent. did not exceed the latter value.

The following statement gives details of 9,115 suits in which the value is said to have exceeded Rs. 500:—

Not exceeding Rs.	1,000 in value	4,764
" "	5,000	3,387
" "	10,000	517
" "	1,00,000	285
Exceeding	do.	24

In 562 out of the 698 cases which remain to be accounted for, it is said that the subject-matter of the suit was not capable of being valued in money. The value of the remainder has not been correctly stated in the local return.

The manner in which suits were disposed of during each of the past five years is shown in the following table: **Suits how disposed of.** *See Statement F.*

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte.*	Contested.	Total.
1874 . . .	98,600	98,432	85,101	282,133
1875 . . .	114,047	118,061	88,780	320,888
1876 . . .	126,068	127,776	92,163	346,007
1877 . . .	129,094	133,254	93,094	355,442
1878 . . .	126,961	131,805	94,151	352,917

Contested cases formed 26·6 per cent. of the whole number decided in 1878, the corresponding ratios being 26·19 per cent. in 1877 and 26·6 per cent. in 1876.

In the following statement details are given for 1878, according to the class of suit and the class of Court in which decided:

		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex parte.*	Contested.	Total.
Courts of Small Causes		26,689	15,928	11,313	53,930
Regular Courts	Suits for money or movables	47,425	56,527	25,352	129,304
	Suits under the rent-law	37,435	50,950	37,626	126,011
	Title and other suits	15,412	8,400	19,860	43,672
Total		100,272	115,877	82,838	298,987

From this it appears that while in the Small Cause Courts 20·9 per cent. of the cases decided were contested as compared with 28 per cent. in the Regular Courts, in the latter the ratio for each class of suits separately was, in suits for money 19·8 per cent., in rent-suits 29·8 per cent. and in title and other suits 45·4 per cent. From this it appears that the proportion of rent-suits which are contested is great as compared with suits for money, &c., and small as compared with title and other suits.

Of the suits for money, &c., entered above as decided in the Regular Courts, 34,825 cases were dealt with by officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge for the trial of petty suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. The manner in which these cases separately were disposed of is shown in the margin. It appears that only 18·4 per cent. of these cases were contested.

Withdrawn, &c ...	14,498
Decided *ex parte* ...	13,913
Contested .	6,414
TOTAL ...	34,825

Districts where contested suits were most numerous.

The following were the only districts with more than 5,000 contested cases in the past year;

	1876.	1877	1878.
Jessore	8,106	8,255	8,188
24-Pergunnahs	7,216	7,118	6,999
Nuddea	4,442	4,853	5,299

The proportion of contested cases decided in the regular Civil Courts was greatest in the following districts:—

	Percentage of contested cases			
	In suits for money, &c.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.	TOTAL.
Gya	39·2	55·1	64·2	50 4
Tirhoot	28·1	56·9	53·3	46·6
Patna	27·5	45 9	47·7	44·7
Bhaugulpore . . .	18·3	39·5	43·7	38·9

In Dinagepore, Rungpore, Furreedpore and Backergunge the proportion of contested cases was abnormally low.

In the following statement further details are given of the manner in which suits were disposed of in the Civil Courts in the interior, and in the Small Cause Courts separately. The proportion of cases in which the plaintiffs and defendants were respectively successful during the past three years is also shown.

ALL COURTS INCLUDING SMALL CAUSE COURTS.			Mode of Disposal.	SMALL CAUSE COURTS SEPARATELY.		
1876	1877.	1878.		1876.	1877	1878
801	841	556	Plaints rejected &c., .	160	94	56
28,096	32,053	30,013	Default . . .	5,884	6,944	6,644
7,735	7,612	7,282	Withdrawn . .	1,165	1,202	1,142
17,870	16,977	15,492	Dismissed *ex parte* .	355	286	197
27,223	27,158	25,686	Dismissed on trial .	2,958	3,191	3,223
81,725	84,641	79,029	Plaintiff loses . .	10,522	11,717	11,262
35,268	38,513	42,683	Compromised . .	5,381	6,371	7,163
54,168	50,075	46,427	Confesssion . . .	12,573	11,414	11,684
109,906	116,277	116,313	Decreed *ex parte* .	12,276	13,256	15,731
64,940	65,936	68,465	Decreed on trial . .	6,900	7,116	8,090
229 014	232,288	231,205	Plaintiff wins . .	31,749	31,786	35,505
35,268	38,513	42,683	Add Compromised .	5,381	6,371	7,163
264,282	270,801	273,888	... . .	37,130	38,157	42,668

From the above the following ratios are deducible, showing in what proportion of the whole number of cases decided the plaintiff was successful or the reverse :—

	1876.	1877.	1878.
Plaintiff loses	23·6	23·8	22·4
Compromised	10·2	10·8	12·1
Plaintiff wins	66·2	64·4	65·5

In the past year the plaintiffs lost fewer cases than in either of the two preceding years, and effected a compromise with the defendant in a larger number of cases.

	Percentage.
Plaintiff loses	20·9
Compromised	13·2
Plaintiff wins	65·9

In the Courts of Small Causes taken separately, the ratios in the past year, given in the margin, were not materially different from those given above for all Courts.

Applications to set aside ex parte judgments or judgments in default.

The following statement shows for each of the past three years the number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte*, compared with the number of applications for setting aside the judgments in such cases made and granted :—

	1876.	1877.	1878.
Number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte*	138,002	148,330	146,326
Number of applications to set aside judgments in such cases	9,065	8,972	8,832
Number of such applications granted	2,967	3,055	3,051

The ratio of applications in 1878 to judgments was 6 per cent., or the same as in the previous year. Of the applications made last year 34·5 per cent. were granted as compared with 34·63 in 1877. Of 53 applications made in the Courts of Judges last year, 30 were granted; this result is in a large measure due to the proceedings of the Judges of Mymensingh and of Rajshahye, in whose Courts more than half the applications were filed.

Decrees executed.

The form of the returns showing the results of the action of the Courts in the execution of decrees has been considerably changed, so as to exhibit more clearly the operation of the provisions of the new Code of Civil Procedure. *See Statement II.*

It will be found that information is given in much greater detail for the past than for previous years. A minute comparison of results in successive years cannot yet be made. The general results may however be stated as hitherto.

The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees on which realizations were made in the past two years in full or partial satisfaction of the decrees, and the amount realized in the regular Civil Courts :—

	Complete.	Partial.	Amount realized. Rs.
1877	66,959	45,339	1,26,86,768
1878	70,613	50,669	1,49,51,076

Completely executed	5,497
Partially do.	6,416
Amount realized	Rs. 4,38,860

The corresponding figures for Small Cause Courts during the past year are given in the margin.

In the regular Civil Courts there was an increase last year of Rs. 22,64,308 in the amount realized as compared with an increase of Rs 15,74,009 in the previous year. The following are the districts in which the amount realized was greatest :—

	Amount realized. 1877. Rs.	1878. Rs.
Bhaugulpore	9,84,131	14,72,547
Tirhoot	12,11,408	11,57,425
Patna	6,96,878	7,33,745
Shahabad	5,25,248	9,52,943
Backergunge	6,14,713	8,92,905
24-Pergunnahs	9,93,193	7,18,701

The increase in the amount realized is very marked in the case of Bhaugulpore, Patna, Shahabad and Backergunge, districts entered in the above statement. There was also an increase of over four lakhs in Rajshahye, of over two lakhs in Chota Nagpore and Jessore, and of over one lakh in East Burdwan, Dacca, Gya, Mymensingh and Noacolly. On the other hand, there was a decrease

of over five lakhs in Purneah, and of over one lakh in Moorshedabad and the 24-Pergunnahs.

In Bhaugulpore the Judge explains that owing to the improved circumstances of the cultivators, judgment-creditors have found it easier to realize decretal debts. In Burdwan, similarly, the high prices obtained by the agricultural community for their produce, in consequence of the scarcity and bad crops in other parts of India, is said to account for the larger realizations made. In Furreedpore the increase is said to be due to realizations made in four suits of exceptionally large value. In Chota Nagpore a similar reason is assigned, parts of the Soopoor estate having been sold in execution.

The following statement shows the number of applications disposed of in the past year on which realizations were made, with and without the issue of process, and the amount realized with and without it in the regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts separately :—

		Number of applications.	Amount realized.
Regular Civil Courts	With process . .	1,03,193	1,35,21,576
	Without do. . .	17,663	14,29,453
Small Cause Courts	With process . .	9,474	3,07,960
	Without do. . .	2,265	1,30,900

Taking all Courts together, it appears that the issue of process was found to be unnecessary in regard only to 15 per cent. of the applications on which realizations were made.

Decrees how executed.
See Statement 6.

In Statement 6 further details will be found regarding the manner in which decrees were executed in 1878. The form of the statement is new, it having been entirely recast in order to show the operation of the provisions of the new Code of Civil Procedure in some detail. Including verbal applications, the number of applications for execution dealt with in the past year by the Civil Courts in the interior was 306,404, the whole number disposed of 244,991, and the number pending at the end of the year 61,413. Satisfaction in whole, or in part, was obtained in 132,595 cases. Of the applications disposed of, the creditors' claim being adjusted under section 258 in 36,886 cases; 94,457 applications were wholly infructuous. This does not, of course, mean that so many decrees became inoperative, but merely that single attempts to execute were unsuccessful or not persevered with.

Coercive processes.

The change in the form of statement prevents an exact comparison in detail with the results of previous years; but the following figures are given showing the comparative frequency of certain modes of execution in the past four years :—

Year	Possession given	Imprisonment of person	Property sold	
			Movable	Immovable.
1875	6,221	3,058	16,224	16,030
1876	8,098	3,537	18 847	18,828
1877	7,636	3,922	15,559	23,681
1878	7,588	1,984	8,957	32,248

The number of applications on which possession was given is not materially different from the number in the previous year. In only 265 cases was the property, of which possession was given, movable property. The decrease in the number of cases in which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned is very great, and is the more remarkable in view of the increased stringency of the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure of 1877 (since modified) requiring the judgment-debtor to prosecute his claim with due diligence. The result may be due to the form in the present year providing for the separate exhibition of cases in which the judgment-debtor was arrested, but not imprisoned, owing to his paying the amount of the decree, or to his stating his intention to apply to be declared an insolvent, or otherwise. The number of such cases in 1878 was 4,798.

The decrease of 6,602 cases, in which movable property was sold, and the increase of 8,567 cases in which immovable property was sold in the past year, is perhaps in some measure due to the exemption from attachment of certain kinds of movable property by Section 266 of the new Code. The returns show, however, that in 9,753 cases movable property, and in 28,937 cases immovable property was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275, Civil Procedure Code, because the amount decreed with costs was paid into Court, or because satisfaction was otherwise obtained, or because the decree was set aside or reversed.

Other modes in which execution was obtained last year were as follows:— In 1,779 cases the judgment-debtor's immovable property was dealt with under Sections 305, 322, or 326 of the Civil Procedure Code, that is, an opportunity was given to the judgment-debtor to raise money to satisfy the decree by mortgage, lease, or private sale of the property. Specific performance was enforced in 815 cases, and partition was effected in 143 cases. Details are not given of the manner in which execution was effected in 10,850 cases.

Decrees satisfied without execution.

The statement of decrees satisfied without execution has been discontinued, as there is reason to suppose that the Court's record of such cases is very imperfect.

Original miscellaneous cases. *See Statement I.*

The number of original miscellaneous cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the regular Civil Courts, and in the Small Cause Courts, in each of the past two years was as follows:—

		Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
Regular Civil Courts	1877	46,571	46,182	8,489
	1878	45,673	44,407	9,528
Small Cause Courts	1877	1,694	1,634	128
	1878	1,791	1,739	153

There was a decrease of 898 in the number of cases instituted in the past as compared with the previous year in the regular Civil Courts and an increase of 97 in the Small Cause Courts. The number of cases disposed of in both classes of Court fell somewhat short of the number filed, the result being a considerable addition to the pending files in the regular Civil Courts, and a slight addition in the Small Cause Courts.

Considerable diversity of practice has been found to exist in different districts with respect to the classes of cases entered in the returns as miscellaneous cases of a judicial nature. The Court has accordingly issued instructions intended to secure uniformity of practice in future.

Average duration of cases. *See Statement Q.*

The following statement shows the average duration of cases contested and uncontested, before the several grades of Courts:—

		District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.
Under Ordinary Procedure.	Contested.	3	22	5	9	2	29	11	5
	Uncontested	3	9	2	20	1	15	2	8
Under Small Cause Court Procedure.	Contested	.	.	0	20	1	1	0	26
	Uncontested	.	.	0	19	0	23	0	20

On the present occasion, cases decided under the procedure in use in Small Cause Courts have been distinguished from those to which the ordinary procedure is applicable. The result is to show that the great mass of petty cases is disposed of with a promptitude highly creditable to the officers concerned. The manner in which trials under the ordinary procedure are protracted before those Small Cause Court Judges who are vested with the powers of a Subordinate Judge, is in marked contrast to the rapidity with which the cases of the Small Cause Court class are disposed of. It may be doubted whether the spare time of these officers should not be employed only in hearing appeals. The duration of uncontested cases before District Judges appears to be too long, but is probably unavoidable, as the civl work of these officers is much interrupted by the necessity of holding the Sessions.

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

Small Cause Courts.
See Statement A1.

The business coming before the Small Cause Courts in each district is shown in statement A which has already been noticed. In statement A1, will be found details for each Court separately. No change occurred in the number of such Courts till the latter part of the year under review, when the Court at Bhangah was temporarily closed on account of the falling off in the number of cases instituted there, rendering it undesirable that the time of the Subordinate Judge of Furreedpore should be taken up by periodical visits to that place.

The total number of cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Small Cause Courts during the past two years was as follows :—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1877	49,443	49,875	2,385
1878	54,656	53,930	3,962

There was thus in 1878 an increase of 5,213 cases filed, of 4,055 cases decided, and of 1,577 cases pending, as compared with the previous year. The Courts, or groups of Courts, where the increase in the number of cases instituted has been greatest are shown in the margin. The new Code of Civil Procedure has, as was stated in last report, given Courts of Small Causes exclusive jurisdiction in cases of certain kinds, even though at the time of bringing the suit the defendant does not dwell or carry on business within the local limits of the Courts' jurisdiction. This may in some measure be the reason of the increase in the number of cases coming before the Courts in the immediate vicinity of Calcutta. In Sealdah the Judge found himself unable without assistance to deal effectively with the mass of business flowing into his Court, and a Registrar was accordingly appointed to his Court, in order to relieve him of much of the routine of the office, and to dispose of petty suits. It seems almost certain either that the number of Small Cause Court Judges must shortly be increased, or that a similar arrangement must be adopted in some of the other Courts.

	Increase.
Sealdah . . .	1,201
Kishnaghur, &c. . .	827
Bhaugulpore, &c. . .	816
Cuttack . . .	723
Kooshtea, &c. . .	611
Hooghly, &c. . .	537

The subjoined table shows the number of cases instituted during each of the past four years in the principal Courts and Circles :—

	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Magoora, &c.	6,699	6,700	7,360	6,978
Dacca and Moonsheegunge .	4,340	5,201	5,661	6,061
Jessore	4,810	5,194	5,102	4,943
Kooshtea, &c.	5,262	4,723	4,755	5,151
Kishnaghur, &c. . . .	4,771	4,443	4,693	5,520
Sealdah	4,264	4,397	4,380	5,581
Hooghly, &c.	2,967	3,627	3,783	4,320
Bhaugulpore and Monghyr .	3,768	3,592	3,406	4,222
Furreedpore and Bhangah . .	1,991	1,605	1,648	1,547

In nearly all Courts the number of suits decided equalled the number instituted. In Sealdah, Kooshtea, Dacca, Moonsheegunge and Cuttack there was some accumulation of pending cases, but there were no serious arrears.

Cases how decided.
See Statement F.

As has been already stated above, 11,313 cases or 20·9 per cent. of the whole number decided in the Courts of Small Causes were contested. The following are the Courts, or groups of Courts, where the number of contested cases was greatest in the two past years :—

	1877.	1878.
Magoora, &c.	1,500	1,384
Jessore	948	1,335
Hooghly, &c	1,041	1,276
Kishnaghur, &c.	1,067	1,261
Sealdah	1,165	1,181
Kooshtea, &c.	1,282	1,175
Dacca, &c.	791	876
Bhaugulpore, &c.	645	719

It will be observed that there has been a decrease in the number of contested cases in the Magoora group, but a very marked increase in the Court at head-quarters in Jessore.

Value of suits instituted.

It has been already shown that of the suits instituted last year in the Small Cause Courts, 9,493 did not exceed Rs. 10 in value, and 27,651 more did not exceed Rs. 50 in value. The exact number in which the value did not exceed Rs. 20 is not stated, but it may be taken to have been about 20,000, or more than one-third of the whole number instituted. By section 40, Act XI of 1865, such suits may be disposed of by a Registrar, if appointed to any Court, and empowered in that behalf. If the experiment which is being tried in the Sealdah Court succeeds, the Government may think it advisable to take advantage of this provision of the law in some of the Courts in Hooghly, Jessore, Nuddea and Bhaugulpore, either to relieve the pressure on the Judges or to admit of a larger share of their time being given to their duties as Subordinate Judges. This latter arrangement is not one which the Court can recommend. A Small Cause Court Judge must necessarily attend to his own special duties in the first instance, and the time he can devote to other duties is broken up into short periods, so as to render the proper conduct of an original suit of any magnitude impossible. Where the pressure on the Regular Courts is not very great, it may however be adopted as a more economical arrangement than increasing the staff of Judges of the class mentioned.

Officers vested with Small Cause Court powers.

See Statement F 2.

As has been already stated, 34,825 cases were disposed of last year by officers vested with Small Cause Court powers for the trial of petty suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. Of these 6,414, or 18·4 per cent. were contested. It has been already shown that of the cases of the Small Cause Court class dealt with by officers not vested with Small Cause Court powers, more than 50,000 did not exceed Rs. 50 in value, 25,689 more suits lay between Rs. 50 and Rs. 100 in value. In the course of time, as officers are found to be competent for the exercise of Small Cause Court powers, the summary procedure may be applied to a larger portion of the former class of suits. As regards the latter, the Court last year suggested that the powers of Munsiffs under section 29, Act VI of 1871, might be extended to cases of the value of Rs. 100, and the recommendation is now repeated.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

IV.—THE HIGH COURT.

I.—Appeals under section 15, Letters Patent.

The statement in the margin shows the number of appeals under section 15 of the Letters Patent, preferred against the decrees of the High Court in its Appellate jurisdiction, and decided in each of the past two years. The chief class of case is that in which an appeal is preferred to a full bench against the decision of a single Judge sitting to dispose of special appeals not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. There was a large decrease in the number of such appeals filed in the past year. The number decided was however nearly the same, the result being that the pending file was very materially reduced.

Class of appeal.	Filed.		Decided.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
In Regular appeals . .	1	2	0	1
In Special appeals . .	144	97	153	151

II.—Appeals from Courts in the Interior.

Including cases coming from Assam and British Burma, the number of first and second appeals from the decisions of Courts in the interior in regular and miscellaneous cases filed and decided in the High Court in the past two years, was as shown in the margin.

Class of appeal.	Filed.		Decided.	
	1877	1878.	1877.	1878.
In regular suits.				
First appeals .	343	302	294	431
Second appeals .	2,658	2,621	3,731	2,951
In miscellaneous cases.				
First appeals .	259	198	254	220
Second appeals ,	104	139	135	132

There was a decrease in the number of appeals filed of each of the classes specified, except special miscellaneous appeals. Under the head of first appeals in regular suits, the decrease amounted to 41 cases or 11·9 per cent.; under the head of second appeals in such cases, the decrease was nominal and amounted to 37 cases only. Taking both classes of miscellaneous appeals together, the number filed last year fell short of that filed in the previous year by 26 cases only.

The total number of appeals of the kind under consideration decided in 1878 was 3,731, or 774 in excess of the number filed. The number of first appeals in regular suits decided was greater than the number disposed of in 1877 by 137 cases, but in the number of second appeals decided there was a decrease of 780 cases.

The number of miscellaneous appeals decided in the past year was not materially different from the number decided in the previous year.

The following statement compares more in detail the work which has come before the High Court on the Appellate Side for the past four years. A table is also annexed, showing, as usual, the number of Judges present at the commencement of each month during the last three years:—

	Filed.				Disposed of.			
	1875	1876.	1877.	1878.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
I —First appeals	329	367	343	302	266	313	294	431
References to the Full Bench .	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...
Appeals to Court at large (section 15 of Letters Patent) . .	...	...	1	2	...	..	...	1
Reviews	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
II —Second appeals . . .	2,966	2,945	2,658	2,621	2,326	2,799	3,371	2,951
References to the Full Bench .	5	3	7	4	6	3	8	3
Appeals to Court at large. .	121	152	144	97	70	139	153	151
Reviews	11	...	5	7	14	2	4	6
III.—Miscellaneous—								
First appeals	265	261	259	198	357	254	254	220
Second appeals. . . .	135	152	104	139	128	157	135	132
References to the Full Bench .	...	1	1	8	...	...	2	8
Appeals to Court at large . .	...	...	...		2	...	...	
Reviews	...	2	1	2	...	...	3	2
VII —Criminal cases . . .	1,159	1,210	1,107	1,252	1,154	1,183	1,139	1,272

Number of Judges present on the 1st of each month.

	1876.				1877.				1878.			
	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.	Barrister.	Civilian.	Other.	Total.
January	4	6	1	11	5	6	...	11	5	6	1	12
February	4	6	1	11	5	6	1	12	5	6 (*a*)	1	12
March	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
April	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6 (*b*)	1	12
May	4	7	1	12	5	6	1	12	5 (*c*)	6	1	12
June	4	7	1	12	5	6	1	12	5	6	1	12
July	4	6	1	11	5	5	1	11	5	6	1	12
August	5	4	1	10	5	5	1	11	5 (*e*)	5 (*d*)	1	11
September	4	5	1	10	5	6	1	12	3 (*f*)	5	1	9
October	4	5	1	10	4	5	1	10	4	6 (*g*)	1	11
November	5	6	1	12	4	6	1	11	5 (*h*)	6 (*i*)	1	12
December	5	6	..	11	4	6	1	11	5	6 (*j*)	1	12

(*a*). Mr. Justice Birch availed himself of furlough for ten months, with subsidiary leave, on the 16th February 1878. Mr. Justice Prinsep took his seat as an Officiating Judge on 16th February 1878.

(*b*). Mr. Justice Morris availed himself of leave on private affairs for 6 months, with subsidiary leave, on the 8th April 1878. Mr. Justice Tottenham took his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 8th April 1878.
Mr. Justice Kemp retired from the service on the 17th April 1878. Mr. Justice Maclean took his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 17th April 1878.

(*c*). Mr. Justice Cunningham vacated his seat as a Judge on being appointed a member of the Famine Commission in May 1878. Mr. Justice Broughton took his seat as an Officiating Judge on the 11th May 1878.
Mr. Justice McDonell was confirmed in his appointment as a Judge on the 27th June 1878.
Mr. Justice Prinsep was confirmed in his appointment as a Judge on the 18th July 1878.

(*d*). Mr. Justice McDonell availed himself of two months' privilege leave on the 23rd July 1878.

(*e*). Sir R. Garth, Kt., availed himself of privilege leave for one month on the 19th August 1878.

Mr. Justice Jackson took his seat as Officiating Chief Justice for that period on the 19th August 1878.
Mr. Justice Pontifex availed himself of furlough on private affairs for 28 days from the 20th August 1878.

(*f*). Mr. Justice Markby vacated his seat as a Judge on the 16th September 1878, but his retirement had effect from the 16th December 1878.

(*g*). Mr. Justice Morris resumed his seat on the 12th October 1878, from which date the services of Mr. Maclean were replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bengal.

(*h*). Sir R. Garth resumed his seat on the 18th November 1878.
Mr. Justice Pontifex resumed his seat on the 18th November 1878.
Mr. Justice Wilson took his seat as a Judge on the 12th November 1878.

(*i*). Mr. Justice McDonell resumed his seat as a Judge on the 18th November 1878.

(*j*). Mr. Justice Birch resumed his seat as a Judge on the 24th December 1878, from which date the services of Mr. Tottenham were replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bengal.

The following statement shows the state of the appeal files of the High Court from year to year since its constitution :—

Number of Civil appeals pending at the close of the years 1862 to 1878.

	Regular.	Special.	Miscellaneous.		Regular.	Special.	Miscellaneous.
1862	1,146	4,382	342	1871	204	751	115
1863	487	2,927	403	1872	290	1,636	119
1864	340	2,104	216	1873	346	2,207	153
1865	252	1,325	257	1874	381	2,588	305
1866	338	1,471	278	1875	444	3,228	220
1867	348	2,369	296	1876	498	3,374	222
1868	219	1,738	173	1877	547	2,301	196
1869	223	1,324	201	1878	418	1,971	181
1870	202	1,433	168				

The files, it will be observed, were lower at the close of the past year than they had been since 1874. Before an appeal comes before the Court for decision, it has to be prepared for hearing. Time is requisite for translating papers in the Vernacular, and for printing the paper-book, and this fact has to be taken into account when considering the state of the files and the average duration of civil appeals.

Appeals to the Queen in Council.

The following statement shows the number of appeals to Her Majesty in Council filed in the High Court, on the Appellate Side, since the institution of the Court :—

Years.	Total number of appeals filed.				Appeals struck off, compromised, &c.				Despatched to England			
	Regular Appeals.		Special	Miscellaneous.	Regular Appeals.		Special	Miscellaneous	Regular Appeals		Special	Miscellaneous
	Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs 10,000.			Above Rs. 10,000.	Below Rs. 10,000			Above Rs 10,000.	Below Rs 10,000.		
1862	9	3	3	...	2	3	3	...	7		.	.
1863	76	17	4	...	32	10	2	...	44	7	2	...
1864	98	22	10	1	49	16	9	1	49	6	1	..
1865	58	13	11	2	21	10	6	1	37	3	5	1
1866	47	12	7	5	16	7	4	3	31	5	3	2
1867	30	11	54	2	15	3	2	1	15	8	52	1
1868	40	15	9	5	16	8	7	1	24	7	2	4
1869	38	4	1	3	7	1	..	2	31	3	1	1
1870	29	13	4	10	5	7	2	7	24	6	2	3
1871	16	7	6	2	2	3	3	2	14	4	3	...
1872	11	8	6	6	2	5	5	6	9	3	1	...
1873	24	10	8	4	9	8	6	1	15	2	2	2
1874	28	15	17	11	7	9	14	10	21	6	3	1
1875	24	9	6	4	12	4	5	1	12	5	1	3
1876	19	21	6	5	13	11	2	4	5	12	4	1
1877	29	18	6	12	13	12	6	8	9	1		3
1878	28	6	11	10	8	4	3	3	1	..	...	...
Total	604	204	169	82	229	121	79	51	348	78	82	22

Of 1,059 appeals filed in the past 16½ years, 480 were struck off, compromised, &c., and 530 were despatched to England. Forty-nine cases were pending preparation and despatch to England at the close of 1878.

The following table shows the result of appeals to the Privy Council in cases in which the judgments on appeal were received during the past six years :—

Year.	Judgments received from Privy Council.	Decision of the Court affirmed	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.
1873	49	34	11	4	...
1874	20	9	9	2	...
1875	26	14	5	6	1
1876	14	10	2	2	...
1877	11	7		3	1
1878	9	4	3	2	...
Total	129	78	30	19	2

Besides the cases entered above as disposed of in 1878, 7 appeals were dismissed for want of prosecution.

Districts from which Appeals came *See Statement Y.*

Of the appeals filed last year, by far the largest number came, as usual, from the districts in Behar. The fact already noticed that a very large proportion of the original suits in those districts are contested, explains to some extent the frequency of appeal to the High Court. The Dacca division is the next in point of the number of cases coming to the High Court,—41 first and 408 second appeals in regular suits, and 75 miscellaneous appeals having been received from it.

Separating the figures for Assam from those for the Lower Provinces, the following statement shows the number of appeals of each class filed last year :—

	Regular Suits.				Miscellaneous suits and appeals from orders.
	First appeals.		Second appeals.		
	Value Rs. 10,000 and upwards.	Below Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs 50 in value	Not exceeding Rs. 50 in value	
Lower Provinces	71	231	1,460	1,037	330
Assam	0	6	79	45	7

It will be observed that more than one-third of the second appeals filed were in petty cases not exceeding Rs. 50 in value. Such appeals are under the present rules heard by a single Judge, against whose decision a third appeal lies to an ordinary bench.

Ninety-six first, 116 second, and 21 miscellaneous appeals did not come to a hearing, having been dismissed in default, or for want of prosecution. The result of appeal, as affecting the decision of the Lower Court in the cases decided on trial, is shown in the following table:— **Result of appeals.** *See Statement Z.*

	First appeals.	Second appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.
Affirmed	166	2,162	228
Reversed	88	182	56
Varied	51	73	18
Remanded	25	340	18

The ratio of cases in which the decision of the lower Court was reversed or varied was 23 per cent. in the case of first appeals, 9 per cent. in the case of second appeals, and 23·1 per cent. in the case of miscellaneous appeals.

The following table shows separately for Judges and Subordinate Judges the percentage of cases heard in which their decisions were affirmed or were reversed or modified:—

	Affirmed.		Modified or reversed.	
	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Judges.	Subordinate Judges.
First appeals	44·3	56·6	45·4	23·1
Second do.	77·7	79·1	9·0	9·5
Miscellaneous appeals	77·1	71·2	24·0	15·4

The results shown are less favourable than in the previous year as regards first appeals. The decisions of the lower Courts were interfered with in the largest number of cases in appeals from the following districts: Shahabad, 21 decisions modified and 2 reversed, against 2 affirmed; Gya, 2 modified and 10 reversed, against 15 affirmed; Jessore, 8 reversed and 1 modified, against 4 affirmed; Sarun, the same number reversed and modified, against 14 affirmed. On second appeal the decisions of the lower Courts were interfered with in the largest number of cases in the following districts:—Dacca, Mymensingh and Tipperah, 22 cases each; Chittagong and Sarun, 16 cases each.

The figures given in the margin show that the number of cases in which an order of remand was passed was considerably less in the past than in the previous year. The districts from which the largest number of appeals so dealt with came were Bhaugulpore, Chittagong, Mymensingh, Dacca, Tipperah and Sarun.

	1877.	1878.
First appeals	35	25
Second do.	443	340
Miscellaneous appeals	42	18

V.—APPELLATE COURTS UNDER THE HIGH COURT.

The number of appeals in regular suits instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Courts in the interior of the Lower Provinces during the past three years was as follows:— **Appeals instituted.** *See Statement J.*

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1876	20,422	20,966	9,449
1877	20,139	19,653	10,562
1878	18,603	19,462	10,281

There was a decrease of 1,536 in the total number of appeals preferred in the past as compared with the previous year. The decrease was greatest in the districts noted in the margin. In explanation of the result in his district, the Judge of Burdwan writes as follows:— "There is a falling off of about one-third of the number of appeals instituted during the year under review, as compared with the preceding year. It is difficult to account absolutely for this considerable decrease. Something may be due to the operation of the new Code of Civil Procedure. I have made it my practice to examine every petition of appeal immediately upon its being filed; and in cases in which there really appeared to be no reasonable ground

	Decrease.
East Burdwan	372
Tipperah	342
Sarun	292
Patna	287
Moorshedabad	266
Dacca	171
Backergunge	142

of appeal, I have applied the provisions of Section 551 of the Code of Civil Procedure. It has in consequence come to be pretty well understood that appeals which are frivolous, or not based on *primâ facie* grounds, will be stopped *in limine* and disposed of at once. I have applied this new procedure only to such cases as appeared tolerably clear, and have endeavoured, as far as I could, to avoid stopping any reasonable and proper appeal. I am persuaded that the new practice has had a salutary effect in deterring parties from preferring appeals from pure love of litigation or with a view to bring to more favourable terms persons who had a decree of the Court of first instance in their favour. One indication of this is that there are apparently fewer appeals compromised than formerly. Something may also be due to the greater rapidity with which appeals have been disposed of during the last two years." In Tipperah the decrease is partly due to the fact that the figures for 1877 include 101 appeals from Noacolly, which is now a separate district. The Judges of Sarun and Patna have omitted to offer any remarks in elucidation of the returns for their districts. Of the appeals which appear in the returns from Moorshedabad for 1877, 201 were analogous cases. The Judge of Dacca has not attempted to account for the decrease in the number of appeals preferred in his district. In Backergunge the decrease is attributed to an increase in confidence on the part of suitors in the soundness of the Subordinate Court's decision. The Judge of Chittagong also writes, with reference to a similar decrease in his district, that the result confirms the opinion expressed in previous reports, that we have secured the services of an efficient class of judicial officers in the district who get through the work in a most creditable manner. The Judge of Furreedpore attributes the decrease of appeals in his district in part to the decrease in the number of original suits decided, and in part possibly to the better working of the lower Courts.

In the districts noted in the margin, a material increase occurred in the number of appeals filed. The Judge of Tirhoot has offered no remarks in explanation of the result in his district. It may be due to the filing of a considerable number of analogous cases which are stated to be included among the appeals decided last year. The Judge of Shahabad has contented himself with the remark that "the statement explains itself." The Judge of Beerbhoom states that the increase is attributable to the institution and disposal of a larger number of original suits for declaration of right to lands in the past year than in the year preceding.

	Increase.
Tirhoot	377
Shahabad	226
Beerbhoom . . .	90

Appeals decided. The number of appeals disposed of was 19,462 in the past, as compared with 19,653 in the previous year. The decrease in the number of appeals preferred in most districts was followed by a decrease in the number decided. In Rajshahye and Patna, however, the number decided in the past year greatly exceeded that in the previous year, the result being a very material reduction in the pending files in these districts. In Rajshahye this result was secured with the assistance of the Additional Judge of Behar, who was transferred to Rajshahye with a view to assist in clearing off the arrears which had been allowed to accumulate in that district. In Patna an Additional Subordinate Judge was temporarily appointed for the same purpose, and at the close of the year, a native Additional Judge, also temporarily appointed, was deputed to the district. In Jessore, also, there was a large increase in the number of appeals decided. The time of the Judge was devoted almost entirely to criminal work, and the result is almost entirely due to the efforts of the Subordinate Judge, and also to those of the Small Cause Court Judge, who gave material assistance in disposing of appeals. In Tirhoot and Bhaugulpore there was, on the contrary, a considerable decrease in the work done. There was no decrease in the number of appellate Judges to account for this. The Judge of Tirhoot gives no explanation of the result. The Judge of Bhaugulpore remarks that he was absent on furlough for eight months of the year, and that his *locum tenens* found his time much occupied with the sessions.

Appeals pending. The year ended with a decrease, on the whole, of 281 in the number of appeals pending. The files in Tirhoot, Sarun and Jessore, however, had greatly increased. In Sarun they got beyond the powers of the ordinary staff, and a second Subordinate Judge has accordingly been deputed to that district.

From the figures given in statement K, it will be observed that the number of decisions in Courts in the interior in which an appeal lay to the District Court in the past year was 75,487. The ratio of appeals to decisions was, therefore, 24·64 per cent., as compared with 24·33 per cent. in the previous year. The districts noted in the margin are those in which the percentage was highest. In Cuttack the result is affected by the exclusion of rent suits, which are tried in the revenue Courts in that district. Except Hooghly, all the other districts mentioned are in Behar, where the proportion of appeals to original decisions is always high.

Ratio of appeals to decisions. *See Statement K.*

	Percentage.
Sarun	55·01
Tirhoot	36·64
Cuttack	36·66
Bhaugulpore	35·89
Hooghly	31·13

In place of Statement L appended to previous reports, a new statement is given this year, showing for each of the two past years the number of appeals of each of the three chief classes filed. The general results may be stated as follows:—

Appeals classed. *See Statement L.*

	In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.
1877	3,350	9,475	7,314
1878	3,304	8,420	6,879

It thus appears that the decrease in the number of appeals filed in the past year occurred chiefly in rent-suits, and to some extent also in title and other suits. The number of appeals in suits for money, &c., was not materially different from the number in the previous year.

A new statement accompanies this report, showing the value of appeals of each class instituted in 1877 and 1878, respectively. The general results are as follows:—

Appeals valued. *See Statement M.*

	In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1877	3,87,078	5,97,338	18,51,775
1878	5,10,348	6,88,841	16,13,750

The total value of appeals filed was thus Rs. 28,12,939 in 1878, as compared with Rs. 28,36,191 in 1877. The decrease on the whole was nominal. The details, however, show a material reduction of more than two lakhs of rupees in the value of appeals filed in title and other suits, and an increase of a corresponding amount in the value of appeals in money and rent suits. A reference to the table shows that the decrease alluded to occurred chiefly in Dacca, Patna and Sarun. The following table gives details of the value of appeals filed in the past year in both the Civil and Revenue Courts. In the returns received from certain districts, there are inaccuracies which do not however materially affect the results shown:—

Scale of values.	Number of Appeals.			
	In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the rent law.	In title and other suits.	Total.
Not exceeding Rs. 10	142	2,733	594	3,469
" " " 50	962	3,756	2,192	6,910
" " " 100	1,010	1,229	1,319	3,558
" " " 500	1,001	999	1,853	3,853
" " " 1,000	133	163	542	838
" " " 5,000	59	82	377	518
Value not stated	...	140	1	141
Total	3,307	9,102	6,878	19,287

From this it appears that the value on appeal exceeded Rs. 500, in 1,356 cases only, or in 7·13 per cent. of the appeals in all Courts, the value of which was ascertained. Appeals the value of which did not exceed Rs. 100, formed 63·87 per cent. of the whole in the case of appeals in suits for money or movables, 84·79 per cent. in the case of those in suits under the rent law, and 59·7 per cent. in the case of those in title and other suits.

Appeals how disposed of. *See Statement N.*

The following statement shows how the appeals disposed of in the past two years were decided:—

	Confirmed	Modified	Reversed.	Remanded	Otherwise disposed of.
1877	11,880	1,966	3,841	1,052	914
1878	11,888	1,781	3,970	765	1,058

The total number of cases disposed of on trial was 18,404 in the past, as compared with 18,739 in the previous year. The number of cases in which the decision of the lower Court was upheld was nearly the same in both years. The number in which it was modified or reversed was less by 56 cases in 1878 than in 1877. In the number of orders of remand, there was a decrease which would be material were it not that, as explained in last report, a single decision in Tirhoot ruled 373 analogous cases which were remanded in 1877.

The following comparative table shows the percentage of decisions confirmed, modified, &c., during the past three years:—

	1876.	1877.	1878.
Confirmed	66·0	63·39	64·6
Modified	8·3	10·5	9·6
Reversed	21·6	20·5	21·5
Remanded	4·1	5·6	4·1

The number of cases in which the decision of the lower Court was upheld was great in Tipperah (66·5 per cent.), Jessore (70·4 per cent.), and Shahabad (66·4 per cent.). In Cuttack, where, however, the number of cases dealt with was comparatively small, the proportion of cases in which the decision was upheld (78·2 per cent.) was exceptionally high.

Appeals in miscellaneous cases. *See Statement O.*

The number of appeals in miscellaneous cases instituted, disposed of, and pending during the past two years was as follows:—

	Instituted.	Disposed.	Pending.
1877	1,651	1,915	709
1878	1,466	1,568	619

There was a decrease of 185 in the number of cases instituted in the past as compared with the previous year. The decrease was greatest in the districts noted in the margin. It was also great in Burdwan, Patna and Sarun. Only a small portion of the decrease in Tipperah is due to the separation of Noacolly. The Judge of Burdwan is the only officer who gives an explanation of the decrease, which he attributes to the promptness with which such appeals are taken up and disposed of in that district.

	Decrease.
Tipperah . . .	72 cases.
Jessore	39 „
Mymensingh . . .	38 „
Dacca	25 „

An increase in the number of appeals filed in Bhaugulpore is ascribed to subordinate Courts having thrown out a large number of applications for execution on the ground of want of due diligence, under Clause 3, Section 230, Act X of 1877, now repealed.

VI.—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

Work done by District Judges. *See Statement P 1.*

The following table shows the work done by District Judges during the past four years:—

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1875 . .	3,859	2,568	239	8,479	7,577	1,595	1,379	3,365
1876 . .	4,124	2,491	135	8,841	8,343	1,479	1,252	3,281
1877 . .	4,301	2,529	189	8,565	8,170	1,661	1,293	3,249
1878 . .	4,284	2,742	130	8,670	8,025	1,435	1,410	2,801

It will be observed that their duties in the criminal department claim a larger share of the attention of the District and Sessions Judges every year. Last year the number of days given to civil work was less than in the previous year, but greater than in 1875 or 1876.

Notwithstanding the fact that contested probate cases are now entered in the returns as regular suits, the number of original cases decided by District Judges during the past year was only 130. In Backergunge, Bhaugulpore, Cuttack, Gya, Midnapore, Mymensingh, Nuddea, Purneah, Sarun and Shah-

abad, not a single original case was disposed of by the Judge. In some of the districts mentioned, the amount of work of other kinds is sufficient to account for this result, but this cannot be said of Cuttack, Mymensingh, Purneah or Shahabad.

The number of miscellaneous regular cases (including execution of decrees) disposed of by District Judges was great in the following districts only, *viz.*, 24-Pergunnahs, Nuddea, Patna, and Dacca.

The number of regular appeals disposed of by District Judges has again decreased. The only districts where they exceeded 500 in number during the past year were Shahabad, Patna and Dacca. The number was unduly small in Jessore, Mymensingh and Sarun. In the first and last of these districts, the amount of criminal work was no doubt sufficient to cause a considerable interruption to civil work; but this cannot be said of Mymensingh, where, however, the number of miscellaneous appeals disposed of was considerable. Tipperah was the only other district in which the number of these appeals exceeded 100 in the past year.

Work by Additional Judges. *See Statement P 2.*

The following statement shows the amount of civil and of criminal work done by Additional Judges during the past four years:—

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular appeals.	Miscellaneous appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1875 .	621	199	32	308	1,231	11	130	72
1876 .	505	424	18	495	1,015	111	297	72
1877 .	334	340	7	345	635	228	183	72
1878 .	463	300	13	491	688	74	252	184

The increase in the outturn of work done by Additional Judges is in part due to the temporary appointment of one officer of that grade who worked for 47 days in Nuddea, and of another who worked for 18 days in Gya. The Additional Judge of Chittagong was temporarily deputed to Backergunge to assist in disposing of an accumulation of criminal work there. The Additional Judge of Rajshahye was stationed at Pubna, and entrusted with all the work arising in that district, and some of that arising in Bogra. Since the close of the year, he has been made District and Sessions Judge of a new jurisdiction formed out of these two districts. Besides criminal work, material assistance was given by the Additional Judges of Chittagong, Rajshahye, and 24-Pergunnahs, in the disposal of regular appeals. The Additional Judge of Chittagong also took a large share of the miscellaneous appeals.

Work done by Subordinate Judges. *See Statement P 3.*

The amount of work done by Subordinate Judges during the past four years was as follows:—

	Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Appeals.	
			Regular.	Miscellaneous.
1875	3,774	13,145	11,773	55
1876	4,608	14,155	11,638	35
1877	4,866	13,860	10,848	27
1878	5,889	12,211	10,749	59

The large increase in the number of original suits disposed of in the past year is in a great measure due to the exercise of Small Cause Court powers by the Subordinate Judges of Purneah and Dinagepore. These have now been withdrawn from the latter officer and vested in the Sudder Munsiff. Putting both these districts out of consideration, the Subordinate Judges who disposed of the largest number of original suits were those attached to Bhaugulpore, Gya and Tirhoot. The number of suits disposed of by the first Subordinate Judges of Chittagong, Jessore, Mymensingh and Rajshahye, was insignificant, the attention of these officers being chiefly given to disposing of regular appeals.

Work done by Munsiffs. *See Statement P 4.*

The figures given in the margin show the number of suits and miscellaneous cases disposed of by Munsiffs during the past three years. It was stated in last report that the question of making a large permanent addition to the staff of Munsiffs was under the consideration of the Government. In the year under review the matter was brought to a satisfactory termination by the creation of 23 new Courts, including the one which was mentioned in last report as having bech

	Suits	Miscellaneous cases.
1876 . .	271,228	218,100
1877 . .	300,506	239,787
1878 . .	292,955	219,987

tentatively opened at Banka in Bhaugulpore. To meet the cost of the increase in the number of Courts, it has been necessary to reduce somewhat the numbers of appointments in the higher grades as vacancies occur and to form a fourth grade on a lower scale of pay than that hitherto granted on first appointment. The addition to the staff of Munsiffs took effect only from the end of the long vacation.

When full effect has been given to the scheme, the result, as affecting the number of appointments in each grade, will be as follows :—

				Number of appointments Formerly.	In future.
1st Grade, on	Rs. 400	per month	. .	36	30
2nd ditto	300	ditto	. .	76	76
3rd ditto	250	ditto	. .	83	76
4th ditto	200	ditto	. .	0	40
				195	222

The scheme, it will be observed, provides for an increase of 27 in the number of Munsiffs, or, including Banka, of 28. As already stated, the establishment of 23 new Courts was sanctioned last year, one more has been opened this year, and four more remain to be opened as funds become available, by reductions in the number of Munsiffs in the first and third grades.

The new Courts established last year were allotted to the districts shown in the margin. These were selected as the districts where the need of assistance was most felt, but others, where it was admittedly required, had to be left unprovided for. In the course of the current year a few alterations have been made in the distribution, but it remains substantially the same. The new Court established this year has been allotted to Backergunge, where full employment is found for the increased staff.

Backergunge	1	Mymensigh	1
Bhaugulpore	1	Nuddea	1
Burdwan	2	Purneah	1
Dacca	2	Rungpore	1
Furreedpore	2	Tipperah	1
Jessore	2	24-Pergunnahs	1
Midnapore	2	Noacolly	1
Moorshedabad	2		

The only Munsiffs who in the past year disposed of more than 2,500 regular suits were those shown in the margin. It is to be observed that the number of cases only is not a certain test of the amount of work. Where Small Cause Courts are established the mass of petty litigation is sifted out of the Munsiff's files, and the cases which he has to deal with are of the class which occupy more time in trial. For this reason Nurail, for instance, is probably a heavier charge than eitheir Khoolna or Bagirhat.

1st.	Khoolna	3,150
1st.	Nemal	3,085
2nd.	Bhanga	2,801
1st.	Bagirhat	2,635
	Nurrail	2,219

On the subject of judicial buildings, the Court is glad to be able to state that a standard plan for Munsiffs' Courts has been drawn up, and that the Government of Bengal has made a liberal grant for providing Court-houses at the stations where the want of them is most felt. These buildings are to be thatched structures, but the plan provides for a separate masonry building sufficient for the safe custody of the records only.

Receipts and charges of the Civil Courts.

See Statements R. and S.

Some alterations have been made in the forms of statement appended to the present report showing the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts in the interior, the object being to exhibit separately the receipts and expenditure on account of the service of process, and to bring into account miscellaneous receipts and charges. Hitherto only the net receipts from Stamps have been entered in the returns. From the gross receipts, charges on account of process-servers were deducted, and therefore did not appear in the accounts at all. Now the gross amount realized in Court-fee stamps is shown. On the debit side of the account, the share of the Judge's salary charged to Civil Justice has been calculated on a consideration of the time of each officer devoted to civil work.

Including all Courts in the interior, the general financial results of the past year were as shown in the margin. The accounts exhibit a surplus of Rs. 26,61,518, as compared with a surplus of Rs. 20,21,381 shown in statements of the Report for 1877. Deducting from both sides of the account the charges on account of process-servers, and omitting the share of the salary of Judges not debitable

	Rs.
Receipts	56,61,888
Charges	30,00,370
Surplus	26,61,518

to Civil Justice, the financial results for the past three years may be stated as follows:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1876	44,26,201	23,15,653	21,10,548
1877	44,81,586	24,60,205	20,21,381
1878	50,77,205	24,15,687	26,61,518

The surplus resulting last year is shown to have exceeded that in 1877 by Rs. 6,40,137. Of this excess, Rs. 86,855 is due to the inclusion in the accounts of miscellaneous receipts and charges, and Rs. 1,76,687 to a decrease in the share of the salaries of judicial officers, and their establishments entered as debitable to Civil Justice.

The following statement gives details of the receipts and charges of the Civil Courts in the past year:—

Receipts.		Rs.	Charges.		Rs.
In stamps	Process fees . .	14,50,524	Salaries of—		
	Other fees . .	39,92,332	Judicial officers . . .		15,55,264
In cash .	Fines . . .	9,858	Establishment.	Process-servers .	5,84,683
	Other receipts . .	2,09,174		Others . . .	7,28,246
			Contingencies and refunds .		1,32,177
	Total .	56,61,888		Total .	30,00,370

The net receipts from stamps, it will be observed, amounted to Rs. 48,58,173, as compared with Rs. 44,81,586 in the previous year. Under the head of Process Fees separately, the net gain to Government was Rs. 8,65,841. It appears therefore that the fees levied might be reduced with perfect safety to the revenue so far as excess of expenditure over receipts is concerned.

Details are not available to admit of a comparison of the receipts and charges under the remaining heads given above for the past with those for previous years.

The following statement shows the gross receipts and charges of the several grades of Courts in the past year, and the result, whether a surplus or deficit:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Result *plus* or *minus*.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Small Cause Courts	4,35,032	2,22,543	+ 2,12,489
Moonsiffs' Courts	35,48,632	14,08,828	+21,39,804
Subordinate Judges' Courts . .	10,57,365	4,38,162	+ 6,19,203
Judges and Additional Judges' Courts	6,20,859	9,30,837	− 3,09,978

It appears that in every grade of Court, except District Courts, the receipts largely exceed the charges. In the case of District Courts, the deficit is due to the fact that original suits are not instituted in these Courts, and that the processes for issue are comparatively few in number.

Taking all Courts together, Statement R shows that the only district in which there was a deficit on the whole was Chota Nagpore. The peculiar circumstances of this district fully account for the small excess of expenditure which amounted only to Rs. 3,865 last year.

Probates, &c. *See Statement T.*

Statement W 2. appended to the Report for last year showed only those cases in which probates, letters of administration or certificates, were granted on the payment of duty, the table having been prepared for financial purposes only. As, however, the omission of cases on which no duty was levied has given rise to some misapprehension, those cases are also entered in Statement T, appended to the present Report.

The total amount of duty levied in the mofussil Courts was Rs. 94,624 in the past, as compared with Rs. 98,030 in the previous year. In the High Court omitting cases where the Courts were exclusively in Assam, the amount of duty realized was Rs. 2,23,780, as compared with Rs. 1,99,305 in 1877. As the duty levied on probates, &c., is realized in Court-fee stamps, the sums shown above are included in the general accounts of the Civil Courts. If it be considered that this duty is not properly a Court-fee, then the amount realized in the District

Courts should be deducted in considering the net receipts from the Civil Courts in the interior. If this be done, the net surplus will be reduced to Rs. 25,66,894.

Civil Court Ameens. *See Statement U.*

The receipts and disbursements on account of Ameens during the past two years were as follows:—

		Receipts.	Disbursements
		Rs.	Rs.
1877	Permanent Ameens	41,632	42,298
	Temporary do.	1,949	1,697
1878	Permanent Ameens	41,585	39,734
	Temporary do.	1,375	1,851

A charge for pensions, calculated at 10 per cent. on the salary of permanent Ameens, has been included in the disbursements entered above. It will be observed that in the past year the receipt on the whole more than covered the expenditure. There was, however, a deficit in Beerbhoom, East and West Burdwan, Noacolly, Nuddea, Purneah and Rungpore. Some loss to Government can hardly be avoided in districts which do not afford sufficient employment for one Ameen, unless the system of employing temporary Ameens, which has been discredited, were to be reverted to. In a district like Rungpore, however, the Judge should be able to adjust his establishment so as to keep the charges within the receipts.

Local enquiries *See Statement V.*

The number of cases in which local enquiry was held and completed last year was 2,166. The average value involved in the suits in which the enquiry was made was Rs. 865, and the average cost of the enquiry only Rs. 20. The number of enquiries held last year was greater than the number held in 1877 by 425 cases. The increase occurred chiefly in cases in which the value involved was of moderate amount. There was a decrease as regards cases not exceeding Rs. 5 in value, in which the cost of the enquiry always exceeds the amount in litigation.

Proceedings in Insolvency. *See Statement W and W 1.*

Two new forms of statement have been added to the present report, to show the operation of the provisions of the new Code of Civil Procedure in regard to Insolvent Debtors (Chap. XX). The returns of Estates in the hands of Receivers is obviously incorrect in detail, but the error was not observed in time to admit of correction without further delay in the submission of this Report, and the total result is insignificant.

Eleven applications for a declaration of insolvency were pending at the end of 1877, and 224 were filed during the year under report. Of the whole number, 72 were granted, 64 were refused, 69 were not prosecuted, and 30 were pending at the end of the year.

The districts where the largest number of applications were filed were those noted in the margin. As might be expected, they were most frequent near the centres of trade, still it is evident that there is a disposition to take advantage of the provisions of the law in districts which are purely agricultural also.

24-Pergunnahs	31
Dacca	26
Hooghly	14
Tipperah	14

In five out of the 64 applications which were refused, a sentence of imprisonment was passed under section 359 of the Code of Civil Procedure. In no case was a sentence more severe than the Court was able to inflict, considered necessary, and no applicant was consequently remitted to the Magistrate to be dealt with.

The result of the proceedings in insolvency, so far as securing an equitable distribution of assets among creditors, has been practically nothing, for there appear to have been no assets to distribute. The total amount realized under the provisions of the Act in the whole province was Rs. 160, the amount of disbursements Rs. 33, the balance in hand at the close of the year was Rs. 127.

It may be that the provisions of Sections 357 and 358 as amended by Act XII of 1879, by which an insolvent who has obtained a discharge under Section 351 or Section 355 is released from all liability on paying up one-third of his scheduled debts may tempt some persons to have recourse to the provisions of the Code; but it is more probable that debtors will continue the present practice of concealing their property and trusting to their creditors'

inability to prove their ownership; especially as concealment, successfully maintained for 12 years, will operate as a full discharge. There is no provision in the Code for setting aside an order of discharge on proof that it had been fraudulently obtained.

It may be doubted whether the Code as it stands amended is not unduly favorable to debtors, but its practical results cannot be known for some years: at present all that can be said is that the law is inoperative and apparently uncalled for.

The following changes took place in the ranks of the Subordinate Judicial Service in 1878:—

The undermentioned Subordinate Judges and Munsiffs left the service:—

SUBORDINATE JUDGES.

Retired ... Nundkumar Bose.
Enamul Huq.

MUNSIFFS.

Died ... Khetternath Bose.
Dismissed ... Mothooranath Ghose.
Retired ... Joygopal Bose.
Barma Dutt.
Adilooddeen Mahomed.
Lutchmun Pershad.
Mahomed Natiq.
Abul Hossein.

The following Munsiffs were promoted to Subordinate Judgeships:—

Names.	Service.			District to which appointed.	Remarks.
	Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
Hafiz Abdool Kurreem	16	0	15	Bhagulpore.	
Jeebunkristo Chatterjee	12	2	28	Pubna.	
Kaliprosunno Mookerjee, B. L.	12	7	21	Sarun.	
Kedarnath Mozoomdar, B. L.	12	7	15	Patna.	
Upendro Chunder Mullick, B. L.	11	10	22	Jessore.	

The following gentlemen were nominated to permanent Munsiffships:—

Names.	Degree or other qualification.	Date of qualification.	District to which appointed.
Doorga Churn Sen	B. L.	19th February 1873	Backergunge.
Horosoonder Chuckerbutty	Higher Grade Pleader	2nd May 1866	Sylhet.
Opendra Chandra Ghose	B. L.	11th February 1874	Sylhet.
Surut Chunder Mookerjee	M. A. and B. L.	11th " "	Sarun.
Jogendro Chunder Mullick	B. L.	19th " 1873	Tirhoot.
Benode Behary Mitter	B. L.	2nd " 1870	Tipperah.
Poorno Chunder Roy	B. L.	19th " 1873	Chittagong.
Ramjadub Tolapattro	B. L.	11th " 1874	Tipperah.
Soshee Bhushun Chatterjee	L. L.	8th " 1871	24-Pergunnahs.
Hurry Prosad Dass	B. L.	8th " 1871	Jessore.
Rajkishen Sen	B. L.	30th January 1867	Moorshedabad.
Hurris Chandra Sen	L. L.	8th February 1871	Noacolly.
Srigopal Chatterjee.	M. A. and B. L.	8th " "	Noacolly.
Kalidhan Chatterjee	L. L.	8th " "	Dacca.
Bhoobun Mohun Ghose	B. A. and L. L.	14th " 1872	Sylhet.
Anundnath Moozoomdar	M. A. and B. L.	11th " 1874	West Burdwan.
Annodaprosad Chatterjee	Higher Grade Pleader	24th March 1875	Chittagong.
Soshee Bhushun Chowdry	M. A. and B. L.	11th February 1874	Midnapore.
Lall Behary De	M. A. and B. L.	11th " "	Purneah.
Surut Kumar Ghosal	M. A. and B. L.	11th " "	Furreedpore.
Okhoy Kumar Sen	B. L.	19th " 1873	Dacca.
Poorno Chunder Mitter	B. L.	19th " "	Backergunge.
Upendronath Basu	B. L.	19th " "	Mymensingh.
Jogendro Lall Chowdry	L. L.	11th " 1874	Tipperah.
Abinash Chunder Mookerjee	M. A. and B. L.	19th " 1873	Jessore.
Khetter Mohun Mookerjee	M. A. and B. L.	19th " "	24-Pergunnahs.
Russick Chunder Roy	L. L.	11th " 1874	Furreedpore.
Tez Chunder Mookerjee	M. A. and B. L.	9th " 1876	Tirhoot.
Beharee Lall Banerjee	M. A. and B. L.	10th " 1875	Nuddea.
Kedarnath Roy	M. A. and B. L.	14th " 1877	Patna.
Bepin Chunder Roy	M. L.	11th " 1874	Mymensingh.
Hurkumar Dass	L. L.	19th " 1873	Noacolly.

STATEMENTS.

A.

Original Cases instituted, disposed of and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Division.	District.	Courts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan, East ...	Reg. ...	14,807	13,284	15,506	13,353	1,579	1,674
	Burdwan, West ...	Reg. ...	3,862	3,761	3,730	3,746	451	519
	Beerbhoom	Reg. ...	4,554	4,226	4,855	4,389	481	395
	Midnapore ...	Reg. ...	13,518	14,080	13,298	13,652	2,085	2,749
		S. C. ...	1,247	1,125	1,292	1,168	65	30
	Hooghly	Reg. ...	11,701	10,581	11,688	10,863	1,327	1,223
		S. C. ...	3,783	4,220	3,770	4,132	168	254
		Total ...	53,472	51,277	54,139	51,303	6,156	6,853
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ..	Reg. ...	23,084	20,335	23,170	20,236	2,226	2,580
		S. C. ...	4,516	5,727	4,523	5,592	294	520
	Nuddea ...	Reg. ...	8,520	8,721	8,670	9,027	1,337	1,215
		S. C. ...	8,247	9,570	8,489	9,391	254	548
	Jessore	Reg. ...	18,304	17,644	18,675	17,551	1,341	1,791
		S. C. ...	12,462	11,921	12,386	12,107	429	636
	Moorshedabad ...	Reg. ...	11,367	11,455	11,973	11,011	744	1,319
		S. C. ...	192	192	193	198	11	8
		Total ...	86,692	85,565	88,079	85,113	6,636	8,617
Rajshahye ...	Dinagepore	Reg. ...	12,570	11,229	12,975	11,253	920	993
	Rajshahye ...	Reg. ...	7,965	7,291	8,211	7,468	1,066	1,014
		S. C. ...	1,524	1,808	1,531	1,696	102	214
	Rungpore	Reg. ...	16,543	15,835	18,361	15,480	1,734	2,264
and		Total ...	38,602	36,163	41,078	35,897	3,822	4,485
Cooch Behar ...	Julpigoree and ...	Reg. ...	1,822	3,821	1,904	3,213	330	682
	Darjeeling	S. C. ...	916	980	944	954	68	97
		Total ...	2,738	4,801	2,848	4,167	398	779
Dacca ...	Dacca	Reg. ...	15,398	14,062	15,968	13,822	2,088	2,457
		S. C. ..	5,661	6,061	5,739	5,894	287	489
	Furreedpore ..	Reg. ...	12,443	11,769	12,520	12,491	2,004	1,522
		S. C. ...	1,648	1,547	1,740	1,554	102	137
	Backergunge ...	Reg. ...	12,637	14,987	12,652	14,655	1,549	2,129
		S. C. ...	1,572	1,892	1,517	2,003	132	75
	Mymensingh ..	Reg. ...	17,639	18,541	17,965	18,474	2,393	2,637
	Tipperah	Reg. ...	18,515	18,568	19,100	18,146	1,937	2,546
		Total ...	85,513	87,427	87,201	87,039	10,492	11,992
Chittagong ...	Chittagong	Reg. ...	12,875	12,437	13,652	12,230	807	1,287
	Noacolly	Reg. ...	10,835	13,473	10,348	13,770	1,626	1,431
		Total ...	23,710	25,910	24,000	26,000	2,433	2,718
Patna	Patna	Reg. ..	3,153	3,334	3,542	2,922	734	1,189
		S. C. ..	1,151	1,550	1,136	1,482	109	189
	Gya	Reg. ...	2,210	2,458	2,326	2,482	353	400
	Shahabad	Reg. ...	5,971	7,868	6,285	7,577	673	1,056
	Tirhoot	Reg. ...	8,379	8,376	7,518	9,336	3,368	2,490
	Sarun	Reg. ...	4,934	5,042	5,055	4,802	786	1,100
		Total ...	25,198	28,628	25,862	28,601	6,023	6,424
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore ..	Reg. ...	8,491	9,452	8,793	9,292	735	986
		S. C. ...	3,406	4,222	3,592	4,114	142	326
	Purneah	Reg. ...	8,227	8,070	8,269	7,766	785	1,186
		Total .	20,124	21,744	20,654	21,172	1,662	2,498
Orissa	Cuttack	Reg. ...	5,267	5,366	5,286	5,470	873	825
		S. C. ...	3,118	3,841	3,023	3,645	222	430
		Total ...	8,385	9,207	8,309	9,115	1,095	1,255
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore ...	Reg. ...	4,315	4,454	4,335	4,510	562	569
	Total ..	Reg. ...	2,99,906	3,00,520	3,06,630	2,98,987	38,894	42,228
		S. C. ..	49,443	54,656	49,875	53,930	2,385	3,962
	Grand Total ..	...	3,49,349	3,55,176	3,56,505	3,52,917	39,279	46,190

A 1.

Original Cases instituted, disposed of and pending in each of the Courts of Small Causes in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISION.	COURT.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Burdwan	Midnapore	1,247	1,125	1,292	1,168	65	39
	Hooghly	574	654	553	645	50	59
	Serampore	1,248	1,185	1,261	1,171	36	48
	Howrah	1,961	2,381	1,956	2,316	82	147
Presidency	Sealdah	4.380	5,581	4,387	5,451	293	514
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	26	30	27	28	...	2
	Barrackpore Ditto	110	116	109	113	1	4
	Kishnaghur	1,735	2,016	1,863	2,056	28	31
	Ranaghat	1,416	1,781	1,468	1,792	48	37
	Meherpore	1,542	1,723	1,577	1,773	52	29
	Kooshtea	2,173	2,485	2,210	2,336	104	275
	Chooadangah	1,381	1,565	1,371	1,434	22	176
	Jessore	5,102	4,943	5,079	5,089	96	89
	Magoorah	1,802	1,623	1,792	1,632	77	110
	Jhenidah	2,505	2,600	2,453	2,653	117	130
	Narail	3,053	2,755	3,062	2,733	139	307
Rajshahye	Berhampore Small Cause Court ...	192	192	193	198	11	8
	Beauleah	538	707	532	686	18	39
	Pubna	986	1,101	999	1,010	84	175
Cooch Behar	Darjeeling	916	980	944	954	68	97
Dacca	Dacca	2,925	3,395	2,944	3,322	138	227
	Moonsheegunge...	2,736	2,666	2,795	2,572	149	262
	Bhangah	585	562	590	565	22	52
	Furreedpore	1,063	985	1,150	989	80	85
	Backergunge	1,572	1,892	1,517	2,003	132	75
Patna	Patna	752	1,086	728	1,035	89	153
	Dinapore	290	243	300	234	14	23
	Dinapore Cantonment	109	221	108	213	6	13
Bhaugulpore	Monghyr	1,663	2,424	1,697	2,398	72	147
	Bhaugulpore	1,743	1,798	1,895	1,716	70	179
Orissa	Cuttack	3,118	3,841	3,023	3,645	222	430
	Total ...	49,443	54,656	49,875	53,930	2,385	3,962

B.

Suits and Appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1877 and 1878.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	1877.		1878.	
		Suits.	Appeals.	Suits.	Appeals.
Burdwan	Burdwan, East	...	...	...	...
	Burdwan, West	...	...	1	5
	Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...
	Midnapore	4	26	1	2
	Hooghly	1	...	...	4
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	...	...	8	2
	Nudden	2	8	2	134
	Jessore	4	13	9	...
	Moorshedabad	1	1	1	...
Rajshahye	Dinagepore	1	8	1	1
	Rajshahye	5	13	1	1
and	Rungpore	18	9	12	2
Cooch Behar	Julpigooree and Darjeeling	...	...	...	...
Dacca	Dacca	11	4	4	24
	Furreedpore	8	14	7	10
	Backergunge	2	...	5	...
	Mymensingh	5	26	19	4
	Tipperah	6	2	22	4
Chittagong	Chittagong	1	2	3	2
	Noacolly	12	9	...	...
Patna	Patna	...	52	40	121
	Gya	12	66	12	9
	Shahabad	...	6	7	4
	Tirhoot	23	34	1	14
	Sarun	3	28	14	270
Bhaugulpore	Bhaugulpore	5	9	1	31
	Purneah	...	1	...	...
Orissa	Cuttack	12	3	12	2
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore	...	...	5	43
	Total ...	136	334	188	689

C.

Number and Value of Suits instituted in the Civil Courts, 1874—1878.

District.	Courts.	Value in 1874.	Number in 1874.	Number in 1875.	Number in 1876.	Number in 1877.	Number in 1878.	Value in 1878.
		Rs.						Rs.
Backergunge	R.	12,16,698	11,323	11,301	11,605	12,637	14,987	15,60,215
	C.	65,569	1,051	1,165	1,052	1,572	1,892	1,13,209
Beerbhoom	R.	3,76,368	3,362	4,108	4,236	4,554	4,226	4,44,297
Bhaugulpore	R.	21,45,477	6,367	7,575	8,633	8,491	9,452	30,22,097
	S. C.	1,80,562	3,112	3,768	3,592	3,406	4,222	2,66,774
Burdwan, East	R.	12,18,810	14,010	16,106	15,359	14,807	13,284	13,92,718
Burdwan, West	R.	2,51,532	4,053	4,313	3,389	3,862	3,761	3,31,214
Chittagong	R.	7,42,958	13,825	12,992	13,817	12,875	12,437	8,35,608
Cuttack	R.	7,22,086	4,111	4,663	4,792	5,267	5,366	7,75,720
	S. C.	52,480	1,293	1,990	2,629	3,118	3,841	1,44,792
Dacca	R.	18,79,108	20,249	24.157	15,932	15,398	14,062	15,36,883
	S. C.	2,91,703	4,343	5,493	5,201	5,661	6,061	3,80,461
Dinagepore	R.	8,17,987	9,515	12,103	13,513	12,570	11,229	8,45,987
Furreedpore	R.	.....	.....	3,379	13,640	12,443	11,769	7,49,943
	S. C.	.....	.....	561	1,605	1,648	1,547	97,283
Gya	R.	40,19,779	2,083	2,168	2,279	2,210	2,458	2,86,07,267
Hooghly	R.	8,99,927	7,786	9,658	10,276	11,701	10,581	20,63,961
	S. C.	1,01,317	2,127	2,967	3,627	3,783	4,220	1,72,963
Jessore	R.	12,12,769	15,933	16,396	17,098	18,304	17,644	14,67,812
	S. C.	4,83,393	9,920	11,509	11,894	12,462	11,921	5,18,505
Midnapore	R.	12,26,323	12,891	15,147	13,410	13,518	14,080	15,69,403
	S. C.	84,950	923	823	990	1,247	1,125	92,512
Moorshedabad	R.	10,02,843	8,298	11,103	12,016	11,367	11,455	10,14,074
	S. C.	39,207	600	277	216	192	192	28,994
Mymensingh	R.	18,92,410	16,052	18,040	18,457	17,639	18,541	19,49,192
Noacolly	R.	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,835	13,473	9,97,299
Nuddea	R.	5,78,860	6,634	7,905	8,195	8,520	8,721	9,48,842
	S. C.	3,26,438	6,712	8,669	7,966	8,247	9,570	4,55,729
Patna	R.	20,36,594	3,205	3,375	3,446	3,153	3,334	16,68,445
	S. C.	53,683	946	909	1,153	1,151	1,550	1,16,199
Purneah	R.	12,08,291	6,051	7,681	7,848	8,227	8,070	8,93,687
Rajshahye	R.	8,50,494	8,058	8,304	8,593	7,965	7,291	13,96,798
	S. C.	80,403	1,441	1,820	1,810	1,524	1,808	1,01,698
Rungpore	R.	10,40,229	11,976	15,075	15,821	16,543	15,835	11,23,699
Sarun	R.	12,44,016	3,662	4,392	5,096	4,934	5,042	14,86,555
Shahabad	R.	6,93,686	4,286	4,745	5,471	5,971	7,868	14,02,344
Tipperah	R.	57,27,004	21,208	22,570	24,015	18,515	18,568	13,95,324
Tirhoot	R.	27,38,004	4,244	5,345	6,010	8,379	8,376	42,42,950
24-Pergunnahs	R.	20,34,965	17,189	19,451	22,478	23,084	20,335	23,71,449
	S. C.	2,47,620	3,906	4,493	4,604	4,516	5,727	2,39,306
Chota Nagpore	R.	10,32,730	4,194	4,636	3,997	4,315	4,454	11,60,377
Julpigooree and Darjeeling ...	R.	3,05,843	1,617	1,703	2,011	1,822	3,821	2,89,934
	S. C.	45,422	932	631	1,084	916	980	50,683
Total	R.	3,91,15,741	242,182	278,391	291,433	299,906	300,520	6,75,44,094
	S. C.	20,52,747	37,306	45,075	47,423	49,443	54,656	27,79,108

D.

Number of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

District.	Courts.	1877.			1878.		
		Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the rent law.	Title suits.	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the rent law.	Title and other suits.
Backergunge	R.	3,019	8,439	1,179	3,667	10,217	1,103
	S. C.	1,572	.....	.....	1,892	.....	.....
Beerbhoom	R.	1,524	1,900	1,130	1,079	1,878	1,269
Bhaugulpore	R.	2,844	4,315	1,332	3,236	4,703	1,513
	S. C.	3,406	.....	.....	4,222	.....	.....
Burdwan, East	R.	5,266	6,853	2,688	5,157	5,351	2,776
Burdwan, West	R.	995	1,759	1,108	1,021	1,887	1,053
Chittagong	R.	5,960	5,003	1,912	5,161	5,354	1,922
Cuttack	R.	3,020	.....	2,247	3,346	.....	2,020
	S. C.	3,118	.....	.....	3,841	.....	.....
Dacca	R.	10,544	2,979	1,875	9,055	2,957	2,050
	S. C.	5,661	.....	.....	6,061	.....	.....
Dinagepore	R.	8,920	3,080	570	7,957	2,768	504
Furreedpore	R.	6,415	5,015	1,013	6,183	4,680	906
	S. C.	1,648	.....	.....	1,547	.....	.....
Gya	R.	1,192	602	416	1,071	753	634
Hooghly	R.	3,130	6,934	1,637	2,789	6,135	1,657
	S. C.	3,783	.....	.....	4,220	.....	.....
Jessore	R.	2,618	13,293	2,393	2,582	12,885	2,177
	S. C.	12,462	.....	.....	11,921	.....	.....
Midnapore	R.	6,041	5,756	1,721	6,493	5,806	1,781
	S. C.	1,247	.....	.....	1,125	.....	.....
Moorshedabad	R.	4,913	5,157	1,297	4,945	5,089	1,421
	S. C.	192	.....	.....	192	.....	.....
Mymensingh	R.	12,836	2,690	2,113	13,141	2,879	2,521
Noacolly	R.	4,678	5,423	734	5,454	6,738	1,281
Nuddea	R.	1,989	5,203	1,328	2,163	5,218	1,340
	S. C.	8,247	...	.....	9,570	.....	.....
Patna	R.	595	1,577	981	419	1,932	983
	S. C.	1,151	.....	.....	1,550	.....	.....
Purneah	R.	3,691	3,952	584	4,157	3,578	335
Rajshahye	R.	4,553	2,652	760	3,749	2,651	891
	S. C.	1,524	.....	.....	1,808	.....	.....
Rungpore	R.	9,796	6,118	629	8,282	6,594	959
Sarun	R.	1,892	2,300	742	1,518	2,435	1,089
Shahabad	R.	1,548	3,098	1,325	1,864	4,804	1,200
Tipperah	R.	10,057	6,961	1,497	9,973	6,829	1,766
Tirhoot	R.	2,905	4,541	933	3,182	3,696	1,498
24-Pergunnahs	R.	9,150	11,121	2,813	8,375	9,285	2,675
	S. C.	4,516	.....	.....	5,727	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	R.	3,654	.....	661	3,675	.....	779
Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	R.	1,648	.....	174	3,687	.....	134
	S. C.	916	.....	.....	980	.....	.....
Total ...	R.	135,393	126,721	37,792	133,381	126,902	40,237
	S. C.	49,443	.....	.....	54,656	.....	.....

E.

Value of suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

District.	Courts.	1877. For money or movables.	1877. Under the rent law.	1877. Title suits.	1878. For money or movables.	1878. Under the rent law.	1878. Title suits.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	R.	8,17,193	4,75,911	2,71,366	7,13,854	6,21,623	2,24,738
	S. C.	90,763	.....	.....	1,13,209	.....	.....
Beerbhoom	R.	1,58,616	1,84,067	1,81,392	55,859	1,33,927	2,54,511
Bhaugulpore	R.	5,14,440	3,89,366	19,33,351	5,28,434	5,08,608	19,85,055
	S. C.	2,19,522	.....	.....	2,66,774	.....	.....
Burdwan, East	R.	3,52,687	3,59,598	5,08,495	5,62,160	3,15,816	5,14,742
Burdwan, West	R.	46,141	60,793	1,17,677	78,117	56,131	1,96,966
Chittagong	R.	5,48,561	1,45,337	2,67,260	5,12,380	1,71,362	1,51,866
Cuttack	R.	5,28,348	.....	3,36,922	2,46,302	.....	5,29,418
	S. C.	1,09,482	.....	.....	1,44,792	.....	.....
Dacca	R.	7,61,726	97,819	6,85,013	5,87,890	1,00,074	8,48,919
	S. C.	3,48,382	.....	.....	3,80,461	.....	.....
Dinagepore	R.	6,36,823	1,65,534	1,42,171	5,20,937	1,65,525	1,59,525
Furreedpore	R.	3,90,706	1,84,571	1,82,009	3,88,786	2,07,139	1,54,018
	S. C.	95,867	.....	.....	97,283	.....	.....
Gya	R.	2,51,196	1,98,942	7,92,005	2,42,460	2,52,497	2,81,12,310
Hooghly	R.	2,62,227	2,61,437	10,04,502	2,38,466	3,00,353	15,25,142
	S. C.	1,47,874	.....	.....	1,72,963	.....	.....
Jessore	R.	2,39,258	5,75,336	2,69,391	2,09,634	5,94,587	6,63,591
	S. C.	5,38,962	.....	.....	5,18,505	.....	.....
Midnapore	R.	6,13,544	2,74,587	4,91,750	4,66,172	2,66,827	8,36,404
	S. C.	92,298	.....	.....	92,512	.....	.....
Moorshedabad	R.	9,58,960	3,18,702	6,81,009	3,18,990	2,21,635	4,73,449
	S. C.	24,785	.....	.....	28,994	.....	.....
Mymensingh	R.	6,21,071	1,93,945	11,14,835	12,42,257	2,14,235	4,92,700
Noacolly	R.	2,61,510	2,55,994	1,09,817	3,22,688	2,84,807	3,89,804
Nuddea	R.	1,46,584	2,71,647	6,63,531	2,46,265	2,57,428	4,45,149
	S. C.	3,91,267	.....	.....	4,55,729	.....	.....
Patna	R.	2,62,443	1,08,642	26,23,149	2,33,059	1,78,024	12,57,362
	S. C.	85,216	.....	.....	1,16,199	.....	.....
Purneah	R.	1,87,688	2,77,688	4,58,241	5,13,959	2,82,694	97,034
Rajshahye	R.	0,35,019	2,03,934	3,55,351	5,78,490	2,14,063	6,04,245
	S. C.	92,590	.....	.....	1,01,698	.....	.....
Rungpore	R.	9,72,759	2,91,025	2,57,709	6,75,171	2,68,944	1,79,584
Sarun	R.	6,78,368	2,06,475	7,05,333	5,07,685	1,52,088	8,26,782
Shahabad	R.	75,512	10,102	8,29,440	7,86,588	2,77,722	3,38,034
Tipperah	R.	7,03,412	4,23,011	1,70,323	7,07,519	4,28,126	2,59,679
Tirhoot	R.	13,09,757	3,17,434	4,44,440	16,59,881	4,39,896	21,43,173
24-Pergunnahs	R.	7,98,584	5,78,054	16,19,809	8,82,601	5,48,546	9,40,302
	S. C.	2,10,665	.....	.....	2,39,306	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	R.	4,28,000	.....	8,54,685	6,40,074	.....	5,20,303
Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	R.	1,92,813	.....	26,976	2,53,229	.....	36,705
	S. C.	45,454	.....	.....	50,683	.....	.....
Total ...	R.	1,43,53,946	68,29,951	1,80,97,952	1,49,19,907	74,62,677	4,51,61,510
	S. C.	24,93,127	.....	.....	27,79,108	.....	.....

F.

Manner of Disposal of Original Suits by the Civil Courts, 1878.

Division.	District.	Courts.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *exparte*.	Contested (both parties present).	Total.
Burdwan	Burdwan, East ...	R.	5,510	3,972	3,871	13,353
	Burdwan, West ...	R.	1,902	862	982	3,746
	Beerbhoom ...	R.	1,891	925	1,573	4,389
	Midnapore ...	R.	7,528	3,087	3,037	13,652
		S. C.	751	210	207	1,168
	Hooghly... ...	R.	3,869	3,877	3,117	10,863
		S. C.	1,863	993	1,276	4,132
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs ...	R.	8,205	6,252	5,779	20,236
		S. C.	2,603	1,769	1,220	5,592
	Nuddea	R.	3,254	2,665	3,108	9,027
		S. C.	5,423	1,777	2,191	9,391
	Jessore	R.	5,067	7,015	5,469	17,551
		S. C.	5,771	3,617	2,719	12,107
	Moorshedabad ...	R.	3,979	4,062	2,970	11,011
		S. C.	66	54	78	198
Rajshahye ... ... and	Dinagepore ...	R.	3,626	4,829	2,798	11,253
	Rajshahye ...	R.	2,788	2,422	2,258	7,468
		S. C.	852	411	433	1,696
	Rungpore ...	R.	3,703	8,215	3,562	15,480
Cooch Behar	Julpigoree and Darjeeling.	R.	673	2,289	251	3,213
		S. C.	437	421	96	954
Dacca	Dacca	R.	3,803	6,326	3,693	13,822
		S. C.	2,405	2,613	876	5,894
	Furreedpore ...	R.	2,964	6,928	2,599	12,491
		S. C.	552	796	206	1,554
	Backergunge ...	R.	3,358	8,421	2,876	14,655
		S. C.	719	977	307	2,003
	Mymensingh ...	R.	3,647	9,998	4,829	18,474
	Tipperah ...	R.	5,029	8,485	4,632	18,146
Chittagong	Chittagong ...	R.	4,180	4,540	3,510	12,230
	Noacolly ...	R.	3,863	6,707	3,200	13,770
Patna	Patna	R.	1,019	597	1,306	2,922
		S. C.	739	372	371	1,482
	Gya	R.	729	501	1,252	2,482
	Shahabad ...	R.	3,023	2,022	2,532	7,577
	Sarun ...	R.	2,044	1,185	1,573	4,802
	Tirhoot	R.	2,645	2,334	4,357	9,336
Bhaugulpore	Bhaugulpore ...	R.	3,379	2,853	3,060	9,292
		S. C.	2,106	1,289	719	4,114
	Purneah	R.	3,613	2,340	1,813	7,766
Orissa	Cuttack	R.	2,989	1,165	1,316	5,470
		S. C.	2,402	629	614	3,645
Chota Nagpore	Chota Nagpore ...	R.	1,992	1,003	1,515	4,510
	Total ...	R.	...	100,272	115,877	82,838	298,987
		S. C.	...	26,689	15,928	11,313	53,930
	Grand Total ...		...	126,961	131,805	94,151	352,917

F 1.

Manner of disposal of suits by the Courts of Small Causes separately.

Division.	Courts.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte.*	Contested (both parties present).	Total.
Burdwan ...	Midnapore ...	751	210	207	1,168
	Hooghly ...	600	253	318	1,171
	Serampore ...	954	590	772	2,316
	Howrah ...	309	150	186	645
Presidency ...	Sealdah ...	2,530	1,740	1,181	5,451
	Dum-Dum Cantonment ...	12	7	9	28
	Barrackpore Ditto ...	61	22	30	113
	Kishnaghur ...	1,003	562	491	2,056
	Ranaghat ...	957	432	403	1,792
	Meherpore ...	1,064	342	367	1,773
	Koosteah ...	1,374	274	688	2,336
	Chooadangah ...	1,025	167	242	1,434
	Jessore ...	2,628	1,126	1,335	5,089
	Magoorah ...	715	633	284	1,632
	Jhenidah ...	1,541	606	506	2,653
	Narail ...	887	1,252	594	2,733
Rajshahye ...	Berhampore Small Cause Court ...	66	54	78	198
	Beauleah ...	277	221	188	686
	Pubna ...	575	190	245	1,010
Cooch Behar ...	Darjeeling...	437	421	96	954
Dacca ...	Dacca ...	1,605	1,173	544	3,322
	Moonsheegunge ...	800	1,440	332	2,572
	Bhangah ...	155	341	69	565
	Furreedpore ...	397	455	137	989
	Backergunge ...	719	977	307	2,003
Patna ...	Patna ...	528	260	247	1,035
	Dinapore ...	114	51	69	234
	Dinapore Cantonment ...	97	61	55	213
Bhagulpore ...	Monghyr ...	1,168	854	376	2,398
	Bhaugulpore ...	938	435	343	1,716
Orissa ...	Cuttack ...	2,402	629	614	3,645
	Total ...	26,689	15,928	11,313	53,930

F 2.

Manner of disposal of suits by Courts of Officers vested with Small Cause Court powers.

Division.	District.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, &c.	Decided *ex-parte.*	Contested (both parties present).	Total.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan, East ...	693	409	321	1,423
	Burdwan, West ...	251	78	74	403
	Beerbhoom ...	77	44	60	181
	Midnapore ...	1,940	580	500	3,020
	Hooghly ...	...	...	...	...
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	2,195	1,105	961	4,261
	Nuddea ...	644	486	347	1,477
	Jessore ...	312	338	116	766
	Moorshedabad ...	1,278	900	610	2,788
Rajshaye and Cooch Behar ...	Dinagepore ...	525	462	439	1,426
	Rajshahye...	511	490	177	1,178
	Rungpore ...	989	2,227	627	3,843
	Julpigooree and Darjeeling ...	...	...	...	...
Dacca ...	Dacca ...	332	1,648	369	2,349
	Furreedpore ...	384	1,265	157	1,806
	Backergunge ...	...	...	...	...
	Mymensingh ...	158	689	140	987
	Tipperah ...	1,606	1,823	676	4,105
Chittagong ...	Chittagong ...	92	129	60	281
	Noacolly ...	252	335	125	712
Patna ...	Patna ...	...	...	...	...
	Gya ...	90	61	77	228
	Shahabad ...	...	...	...	...
	Sarun ...	214	69	51	334
	Tirhoot ...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore ...	...	...	...	...
	Purneah ...	598	239	125	962
Orissa ...	Cuttack ...	1,357	536	402	2,295
Chota Nagpore ...	Chota Nagpore ...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	14,498	13,913	6,414	34,825

G.

Applications for an order to set aside an ex-parte *judgment or a judgment on default, 1878.*

DISTRICT.	MUNSIFFS.						SUB-JUDGE.						SMALL CAUSE COURTS.						JUDGES.					
	Preferred.			Disposed of.			Preferred.			Disposed of.			Preferred.			Disposed of.			Preferred.			Disposed of.		
	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total disposed of.
Backergunge	568	126	694	220	380	600	12	7	19	3	14	17	41	50	91	52	35	87	...	..	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	112	99	211	69	97	166	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	73	15	88	32	63	95	4	5	9	3	6	9	45	55	100	58	38	96	..	5	5	4	1	5
Burdwan, East	249	107	356	111	186	297	7	4	11	2	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	6	11	4	5	9
Burdwan, West	71	21	92	39	54	93	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...
Chittagong	274	202	476	123	195	318	1	1	2	2	1	3	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	3	3	2	...	2
Cuttack	18	48	66	40	15	55	1	...	1	..	1	1	12	...	12	12	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	76	106	182	64	80	144	4	...	4	...	4	4	19	1	20	5	10	15	...	..	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore	90	41	131	53	64	117	10	20	30	13	15	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore	273	41	314	124	236	360	10	...	10	1	6	7	35	39	74	34	31	65	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	50	23	73	17	50	67	7	..	7	2	3	5	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	194	63	257	91	158	249	2	5	7	6	19	25	48	18	66	29	34	63	...	...	...	1	1	2
Jessore	624	174	798	214	448	662	4	1	5	1	3	4	232	271	503	317	162	479	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	226	167	393	147	174	321	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	6	22	5	13	18	...	..	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	181	38	219	89	104	193	2	...	2	...	2	2	6	2	8	3	5	8	...	...	...	..	...	...
Mymensingh	204	92	296	118	117	235	5	..	5	1	4	5	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	16	16	10	...	10
Noacolly	122	54	176	23	88	111	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	3	...	3	...	2	2
Nuddeah	146	132	278	101	78	179	1	9	10	1	4	5	59	140	199	109	64	173	...	..	...	...	...	...
Patna	42	17	59	22	35	57	17	2	19	1	10	11	35	46	81	13	61	74	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	115	47	162	47	84	131	2	14	16	3	13	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	226	82	308	66	190	256	17	1	18	1	17	18	9	10	19	8	10	18	...	15	15	9	6	15
Rungpore	140	131	271	66	151	217	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	103	53	156	42	147	189	6	..	6	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	89	37	126	43	65	108	...	..	...	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Tipperah	175	64	239	71	115	186	10	4	14	4	6	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	127	19	146	17	100	117	10	1	11	3	5	8	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	453	109	562	180	291	471	2	...	2	...	2	2	93	50	143	52	88	140	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore	41	36	77	36	38	74	2	3	5	2	2	4	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigooree and Darjeeling...	3	16	19	7	12	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total .	5,065	2,160	7,225	2,272	3,815	6,087	136	77	213	50	147	197	650	690	1,340	699	55	1,250	8	45	53	30	15	45

H.

Result of proceedings in execution of decrees in the Civil Courts.

DISTRICT.	Courts.	Number of Applications on which realizations were made.				Amount realized.		
		In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	With process.	Without process.	With process.	Without process.	Total.
						Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge	R.	3,879	3,602	6,573	908	8,38,076	54,829	8,92,905
	S. C.	256	172	262	166	10,813	11,434	22,247
Beerbhoom	R.	1,950	1,324	2,591	683	1,25,229	12,317	1,37,546
Bhaugulpore	R.	2,786	1,112	3,205	693	13,53,643	1,18,904	14,72,547
	S. C.	453	307	636	124	31,421	19,209	50,630
Burdwan, East	R.	4,063	2,451	5,987	527	5,70,980	37,954	6,08,934
Burdwan, West	R.	1,608	992	2,359	241	1,08,688	14,153	1,22,841
Chittagong	R.	3,076	4,343	5,487	1,932	2,05,798	33,617	2,39,415
Cuttack	R.	900	354	1,139	205	2,53,441	97,743	3,51,184
	S. C.	486	154	359	281	14,808	8,865	23,673
Dacca	R.	2,248	1,799	2,404	1,643	5,48,831	46,252	5,95,083
	S. C.	495	355	811	39	44,550	13,623	58,173
Dinagepore	R.	1,597	1,050	2,525	122	2,22,562	51,132	2,73,694
Furreedpore	R.	2,786	1,366	3,819	333	2,42,377	22,100	2,64,477
	S. C.	57	94	125	26	3,082	1,751	4,833
Gya	R.	1,073	462	1,159	376	4,64,277	1,29,763	5,94,040
Hooghly	R.	2,922	1,610	4,121	411	3,98,162	26,524	4,24,686
	S. C.	516	149	403	202	13,550	6,585	20,135
Jessore	R.	4,786	3,574	8,181	179	6,59,662	10,135	6,69,797
	S. C.	787	2,155	2,677	265	41,800	10,955	52,755
Midnapore	R.	2,841	1,922	3,942	821	2,53,399	44,426	2,97,825
	S. C.	199	615	540	274	9,187	11,100	20,287
Moorshedabad	R.	2,558	1,961	3,737	782	3,71,006	74,839	4,45,845
	S. C.	48	10	23	35	4,020	4,317	8,337
Mymensingh	R.	4,184	2,415	5,429	1,170	5,87,746	89,157	6,76,903
Noacolly	R.	2,846	2,220	4,025	1,041	2,80,191	27,178	3,07,369
Nuddea	R.	2,342	1,535	3,568	309	2,40,491	11,581	2,52,072
	S. C.	1,061	855	1,465	451	69,843	23,235	93,078
Patna	R	1,493	689	1,812	370	6,66,277	67,468	7,33,745
	S. C.	181	276	429	28	19,003	1,164	20,167
Purneah	R.	1,130	986	1,823	293	1,94,670	65,574	2,60,244
Rajshahye	R.	1,521	1,528	2,414	635	6,57,646	41,499	6,99,145
	S. C.	134	141	257	18	7,180	503	7,683
Rungpore	R.	2,454	1,516	3,644	326	4,17,870	16,180	4,34,050
Sarun	R.	1,577	819	2,007	389	5,01,336	54,833	5,56,169
Shahabad	R.	2,558	1,379	3,216	721	8,73,168	79,775	9,52,943
Tipperah	R.	3,209	2,682	4,775	1,116	3,07,219	84,178	3,91,397
Tirhoot	R.	2,108	2,343	3,932	519	10,77,289	80,136	11,57,425
24-Pergunnahs	R.	4,633	2,767	6,598	802	7,00,743	17,958	7,18,701
	S. C.	686	1,097	1,487	296	31,624	18,159	49,783
Chota Nagpore	R.	1,203	1,125	2,239	89	3,67,958	18,718	3,86,676
Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	R.	192	143	482	27	32,888	530	33,418
	S. C.	138	36			7,079	.....	7,079
Total ...	R.	70,613	50,069	1,03,193	17,663	1,35,21,623	14,29,453	1,49,51,076
	S. C.	5,497	6,416	9,474	2,265	3,07,960	1,30,900	4,38,860

I.

Original miscellaneous cases instituted, disposed of and pending in Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DIVISION.	DISTRICT.	INSTITUTED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
BURDWAN ...	Burdwan, East	2,261	2,003	2,358	1,915	252	308
	Burdwan, West	817	923	855	857	166	232
	Beerbhoom	1,071	951	1,076	766	114*	299
	Midnapore	2,372	2,163	2,264	2,258	473	388
	Small Cause Court ...	66	42	68	40	5	7
	Hooghly	2,603	2,450	2,725	2,290	356	511
	Small Cause Court ...	3	5	3	5	...	...
PRESIDENCY ...	24-Pergunnahs	2,497	2,421	2,414	2,459	338	300
	Small Cause Court ...	205	282	197	277	8	13
	Nuddea	2,396	2,044	2,395	2,341	583	286
	Small Cause Court ...	202	243	199	237	3	9
	Jessore	4,378	3,840	4,076	3,711	754	833
	Small Cause Court ...	513	498	486	468	27	30
	Moorshedabad	1,049	1,201	1,099	1,191	158	208
	Small Cause Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
RAJSHAHYE ...	Dinagepore	716	730	669	803	146	93
	Rajshahye	958	1,133	913	1,124	241	241
	Small Cause Court ...	62	34	58	35	4	3
	Rungpore	1,292	1,248	1,326	1,263	254	239
AND							
COOCH BEHAR ...	Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	120	143	122	138	13	18
	Small Cause Court ...	65	38	65	39	1	...
DACCA	Dacca	1,632	1,471	1,619	1,556	425	323
	Small Cause Court ...	231	218	207	216	55	57
	Furreedpore	1,165	1,166	1,137	1,164	283	280
	Small Cause Court ...	77	71	90	80	16	7
	Backergunge	1,862	1,957	1,874	1,911	347	365
	Small Cause Court ...	16	17	14	14	2	5
	Mymensingh	1,363	1,598	1,508	1,508	257	336
	Tipperah	2,569	2,375	2,653	2,434	636	628
CHITTAGONG ...	Chittagong	2,429	2,082	2,372	2,062	305	353
	Noacolly	1,137	2,073	1,224	1,493	432	772
PATNA	Patna	1,828	1,300	1,688	1,226	358	477
	Small Cause Court ...	52	60	48	55	4	9
	Gya	1,105	1,026	1,036	1,040	211	196
	Shahabad	1,093	1,041	1,018	1,022	112	128
	Sarun	1,470	1,387	1,407	1,278	305	394
	Tirhoot	1,642	1,963	1,671	1,871	320	412
BHAUGULPORE ...	Bhaugulpore	1,093	1,131	1,111	1,096	65	100
	Small Cause Court ...	177	255	174	245	3	13
	Purneah	1,723	1,984	1,815	1,778	333	539
ORISSA	Cuttack	865	845	883	822	91	114
	Small Cause Court ...	25	28	25	28	...	...
CHOTA NAGPORE ...	Chota Nagpore	1,065	1,024	1,174	1,030	161	155
	TOTAL { Regular Courts ...	46,571	45,673	46,482	44,407	8,489	9,528
	TOTAL { Small Cause Courts ...	1,694	1,791	1,634	1,739	128	153
	Grand Total ...	48,265	47,464	48,116	46,146	8,617	9,681

* *Vide* explanation given in the Comparative Table III.

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Work done by Subordinate Judges.

District.		1877. Original suits disposed of.	1877. Miscellaneous.	1877. Regular appeals disposed of.	1877. Miscellaneous.	1878. Original suits disposed of.	1878. Miscellaneous.	1878. Regular appeals disposed of.	1878. Miscellaneous appeals.
Backergunge	1st Subordinate Judge ...	103	360	268	...	106	286	189	...
	2nd ditto ...	84	224	182	...	104	187	82	...
Beerbhoom	... ...	26	29	166	...	64	237	293	...
Bhagulpore	1st Subordinate Judge ...	370	781	597	...	315	649	500	...
	2nd ditto ...	97	37	224	...	15	70	295	...
Burdwan, East	1st Subordinate Judge ...	160	623	288	...	141	597	256	...
	2nd ditto ...	6	30	315	...	...	3	132	...
Burdwan, West	... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	1st Subordinate Judge ...	67	160	521	...	42	287	434	...
	2nd ditto ...	40	234	406	...	...	2	66	...
Cuttack	... ...	107	365	25	...	96	277	1	...
Dacca	1st Subordinate Judge ...	160	516	314	...	174	573	217	...
	2nd ditto ...	32	35	344	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore	... ...	660	300	400	...	970	266	65	...
Furreedpore	... ...	69	144	196	...	77	148	175	...
Gya	Subordinate Judge ...	173	909	375	...	222	730	312	1
	Additional ditto ...	2	5	68	...	16	4	141	36
Hooghly	Subordinate Judge ...	175	495	299	...	171	395	378	...
	Small Cause Court Judge* ...	...	...	134	...	...	1	212	...
Jessore	Subordinate Judge ...	90	397	519	...	80	329	725	...
	Small Cause Court Judge* ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	280	...
Midnapore	1st Subordinate Judge ...	135	499	201	...	116	397	218	...
	2nd ditto ...	1	6	178	...	3	28	411	...
Moorshedabad	... ...	155	381	63	...	139	317	90	...
Mymensingh	1st Subordinate Judge ...	42	202	384	...	68	210	528	...
	2nd ditto ...	70	232	568	...	54	229	451	...
Noacolly	... ...	...	...	...	...	48	158	224	...
Nuddea	1st Subordinate Judge ...	124	269	257	...	125	294	289	...
	2nd ditto ...	...	7	150	...	...	...	...	...
Patna ...	... ...	280	983	80	...	199	630	330	...
Purneah	... ...	99	359	1	...	1,000	468	...	...
Rajshahye	1st Subordinate Judge ...	9	213	317	...	32	184	248	...
	2nd ditto ...	100	148	110	...	111	181	135	...
Rungpore	... ...	105	219	369	...	84	211	152	...
Sarun	1st Subordinate Judge ...	184	629	181	...	185	475	253	...
	2nd ditto ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	370	...
Shahabad	... ...	159	720	370	...	141	581	348	...
Tipperah	1st Subordinate Judge ...	103	444	568	...	128	439	505	...
	2nd ditto ...	28	46	260	...		45	342	...
Tirhoot	1st Subordinate Judge ...	281	1,449	193	...	195	1,068	216	...
	2nd ditto ...	151	100	377	...	206	217	337	...
24 Pegunnahs	1st Subordinate Judge ...	122	257	155	...	131	173	202	...
	2nd ditto ...	107	187	174	...	144	182	194	...
Chota Nagpore	.. ..	167	808	251	27	159	659	153	22
Julpigoree and Darjeeling	... ...	23	58	...	...	28	22	...	...
	Total ...	4,866	13,860	10,848	27	5,889	12,211	10,749	59

Under the powers of a Subordinate Judge with which he is vested.

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Work done by Munsiffs.

District.	Munsiffs.	1877. Regular Suits.	1877. Miscellaneous Cases.	1878. Regular Suits.	1878. Miscellaneous Cases.
Backergunge ...	1st, Burrisal	1,438	1,891	1,617	1,677
	2nd, Do.	1,569	1,725	1,536	1,800
	3rd, Do.	1,556	1,200	1,970	1,174
	1st, Perozepore	2,037	2,008	1,770	1,794
	2nd, Do.	1,340	952	1,514	950
	Patooakhali, 1st	1,466	1,925	1,542	1,749
	Do., 2nd		...	1,333	150
	1st, Dakhinshabazpore	1,548	913	2,102	1,337
	2nd, Do.	...	...	766	52
	Extra at Burisal	781	44	...	...
	Extra at Patooakhali and Dakhinshabazpore	730 ...	71	... 295	... ...
	Total	12,465	10,729	14,445	10,683
Beerbhoom	Sooree	1,,174	1,176	1,086	1,281
	Doobrajpore	1,301	1,194	966	1,224
	Bolepore	1,379	1,422	1,175	1,074
	Moureshwar	933	499	1,086	723
	Total ...	4,787	4,291	4,313	4,302
Bhaugulpore	Sudder	1,630	1,175	1,014	638
	Monghyr	2,181	1,809	2,000	1,533
	Mudheypoora	1,703	1,152	2,368	1,250
	Begooserai	1,362	1,597	1,657	1,067
	Jumooee	785	435	735	490
	Banka	659	237	1,188	566
	Total ...	8,320	6,405	8,962	5,544
Burdwan, East ...	1st, Sudder	1,949	1,483	1,801	1,365
	2nd, Do.	1,637	1,708	1,496	1,179
	1st, Culna	1,749	1,843	1,376	1,319
	2nd, Do.	289	4		16
	1st, Cutwa	2,713	2,584	2,266	1,719
	2nd, Do.	199	6		...
	Bood-Bood	2,803	2,756	2,465	2,040
	Do. 2nd	..	...		57
	Raneegunge	1,445	1,330	1,439	1,072
	1st, Jehanabad	1,796	2,617	2,354	1,994
	2nd, Do.	730	25		25
	Total ...	15,310	14,356	13,197	10,786
Burdwan, West ...	Bancoorah	1,141	1,078	1,249	1,047
	Bishenpore	1,564	2,742	1,323	1,907
	Do. Extra	...	...	274	185
	Gungajalghatty	997	1,184	884	944
	Total ...	3,702	5,004	3,730	4,083
Chittagong	Sudder	1,409	1,389	1,111	1,452
	Do., 2nd at Kumaria	900	590	684	641
	Puttea	1,553	1,720	1 443	1,658
	Howlah	1,222	1,339	1,135	1,311
	Sundeep	298	299	.	...
	Hathihazaree	1,401	1,217	1,302	857
	Futtickcherry	1.444	1,232	1,147	930
	Raojan	1,428	1,521	1,297	1,200
	Do., 2nd at Rungoneah ...	951	819	1,093	814
	Satkaneah	1,473	1,456	1.531	1,563
	Cox's Bazar	577	391	502	373
	Deang	886	983	936	983
	Total ..	13,542	12,956	12,181	11,782

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Work done by Munsiffs—continued.

District.	Munsiffee.	1877. Regular Suits.	1877. Miscellaneous Cases.	1878. Regular Suits.	1878. Miscellaneous Cases.
Cuttack	Sudder	914	770	614	725
	Balasore	1,300	1,432	1,321	1,443
	Pooree	1,514	957	1,510	810
	Jajpore	1,450	1,105	1,929	1,425
	Total ...	5,178	4,264	5,374	4,403
Dacca	1st, Sudder	1,829	1,068	1,527	1,099
	2nd, Do.	2,001	1,621	1,449	1,090
	1st, Kaligunge	2,705	1,285	2,146	1,072
	2nd, Do.	...	...	361	...
	1st, Moonsheegunge	2,452	2,085	1,734	1,795
	2nd, Do. ...	2,618	1,610	2,108	1,431
	1st, Manickgunge	2,260	1,388	2,105	1,102
	2nd, Do.	1,888	970	1,843	880
	Extra Do.	...	...	361	18
	Total ...	15,753	10,027	13,634	8,487
Dinagepore	Sudder	1,691	1,150	964	921
	Beergunge	1,235	755	947	498
	Thakoorgong	1,642	1,074	1,857	1,040
	Hemtabad	1,347	756	1,096	548
	Maldah	2,189	1,337	1,943	1,228
	Shibgunge	1,205	793	1,019	667
	Gungarampore	754	308	626	316
	Putnitollah	1,215	723	747	567
	Chintamon	1,037	514	1,083	527
	Total ...	12,315	7,410	10,282	6,312
Fureedpore	Sudder	1,338	1,646	1,292	1,273
	Goalundo, 1st	2,663	2,273	2,304	2,096
	Do., 2nd	...	...	142	25
	Bhanga, 1st	1,255	1,435	1,031	1,045
	Do., 2nd	3,380	2,066	2,801	2,006
	Madaripore	2,022	1,502	1,814	1,338
	Moolfutgunge, 1st	1,370	1,134	1,770	1,418
	Do., 2nd	...	...	1,249	...
	Do., Extra	417	9	...	61
	Total ...	12,445	10,065	12,403	9,262
Gya	Sudder, 1st	911	1,495	982	1,253
	Do., 2nd	836	905	769	934
	Arungabad	404	481	493	578
	Total ...	2,151	2,881	2,244	2,765
Hooghly	Sudder, 1st	885	638	1,223	701
	Do., 2nd	1,567	1,003	1,018	787
	Haripal	1,465	1,093	1,462	1,323
	Serampore, 1st...	1,850	1,754	1,942	2,132
	Do., 2nd	763	38	...	16
	Moheshrekha, 1st	1,197	953	996	637
	Do., 2nd	1,525	1,948	1,411	1,078
	Do., 3rd	675	18	...	...
	Howrah, 1st	1,576	1,323	1,539	1,686
	Do., 2nd	...	...	1,091	131
	Total ...	11,503	8,768	10,682	8,491
Jessore	Sudder, 1st	1,813	2,202	1,727	1,552
	Do., 2nd	2,295	2,225	2,022	2,433
	Do., 3rd	2,002	2,441	2,054	2,165
	Khoolneah, 1st...	3,005	2,628	3,150	2,232
	Do., 2nd	...	...	95	...
	Narail	2,705	2,729	2,219	1,940
	Magoorah	1,804	1,133	1,543	921
	Baghirhat, 1st	2,900	2,704	2,635	2,381
	Do. 2nd	...	...	99	54
	Jhenidah	2,061	1,398	1,925	1,190
	Total ...	18,585	17,460	17,469	14,868

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Work done by Munsiffs—continued.

District.	Munsiffs.	1877. Regular Suits.	1877. Miscellaneous Cases.	1878. Regular Suits.	1878. Miscellaneous Cases.
Midnapore	Sudder, 1st	1,960	2,500	2,056	1,757
	Do., 2nd	1,955	1,749	2,000	1,757
	Gurbetta	1,842	2,033	1,619	1,588
	Tumlook	2,358	1,684	2,454	1,601
	Do., Extra	...	...	228	18
	Nemal	3,362	2,350	3,085	2,130
	Do., Extra	...	...	358	7
	Dantoon	682	446	629	381
	Ghattal	1,001	844	1,104	677
	Total ...	13,160	11,606	13,533	9,916
Moorshedabad... ...	Sudder, 1st	2,443	1,803	2,341	1,379
	Do. 2nd	2,856	1,781	2,170	1,786
	Jungypore, 1st	2,354	1,425	2,480	1,194
	Do., 2nd	251	...	103	...
	Azimgunge, 1st	2,308	1,780	2,040	1,124
	Do., 2nd	...	...	147	...
	Rampore Hat	1,599	1,279	1,589	1,696
	Total ...	11,811	8,068	10,870	7,179
Mymensingh	Sudder	2,196	1,655	2,150	1,336
	Attiah	1,968	1,716	2,156	1,761
	Do., Extra	...	...	325	28
	Bajitpore	1,554	1,269	1,566	1,135
	Ghosegong	1,467	1,110	1,575	1,070
	Ishragunge	1,315	882	1,352	808
	Nettrokona, 1st	2,463	1,906	2,235	1,574
	Do., 2nd	...	...	1,158	1,178
	Do., Extra	631	29	...	...
	Niklee, 1st	1,103	1,254	1,191	1,418
	Do., 2nd	1,273	900	925	484
	Jamalpore	1,485	1,255	1,320	1,252
	Do., Extra	...	...	162	4
	Sherepore	740	759	798	628
	Pingna	1,396	1,157	1,439	1,027
	Extra at Attiah	262	14	...	...
	Total ...	17,853	13,906	18,352	13,703
Noacolly	Soodharam 1st	3,301	1,266	3,480	2,306
	Do., 2nd	...	...		369
	Sundeep	910	670	1,290	1,103
	Begumgunge	3,898	1,032	4,603	2,730
	Do., Extra	...	...		443
	Dewangunge	2,228	930	3,018	1,867
	Do., Extra	...	...		189
	Lukhipore	...	...	1,322	516
	Do., Extra	...	...		86
	Total ...	10,337	3,898	13,713	9,609
Nuddea ...	Kishnaghur	1,213	1,349	1,271	1,333
	Chooadangah	794	554	636	593
	Meherpore	634	802	462	543
	Bongong, 1st	2,182	1,360	2,375	795
	Do., 2nd	910	1,273	1,367	940
	Ranaghat	1,127	759	991	940
	Kooshteah, 1st	1,153	1,420	1,004	1,156
	Do., 2nd	528	45	604	220
	Do., Extra	...	...	192	13
	Total ...	8,541	7,562	8,902	6,533

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Work done by Munsiffs—continued.

District.	Munsiffee.	1877. Regular Suits.	1877. Miscellaneous Cases.	1878. Regular Suits.	1878. Miscellaneous Cases.
Patna	Sudder, 1st	529	360	2,721	398
	Do., 2nd	1,047	1,271		1,302
	Do., 3rd	1,016	1,391		1,360
	Behar	667	1,004		815
	Total ...	3,259	4,026	2,721	3,875
Purneah	Sudder	2,521	1,840	1,810	1,469
	Do., Additional	...	...	118	...
	Kishengunge	1,812	1,157	1,804	1,241
	Arrareah	2,630	3,531	1,922	1,723
	Kudba	1,205	875	1,112	642
	Total ...	8,168	7,403	6,766	5,075
Rajshahye	Beauleah	1,950	1,509	1,690	1,428
	Natore	1,376	1,013	1,476	1,194
	Pubna	1,324	930	1,409	1,193
	Shazadpur	1,226	1,452	967	1,056
	Serajgunge	2,224	1,478	1,778	1,298
	Total ...	8,100	6,382	7,320	6,169
Rungpore	Sudder, 1st	4,820	2,560	2,005	2,317
	Do., 2nd			1,323	
	Do., 3rd			2,864	
	Kurigaon, 1st...	5,242	2,679	1,144	2,362
	Do., 2nd			1,464	
	Do., 3rd (at Borobaree) ...			1,395	
	Bogra, 1st	2,053	2,082	1,940	1,297
	Do., 2nd			85	
	Nelphamaree	2,961	1,346	1,142	1,149
	Gaibunda, 1st	2,122	1,068	1,788	1,037
	Do., 2nd			243	
	Total ...	17,198	9,735	15.393	8,162
Sarun	Chuprah	1,410	2,174	1,435	2,298
	Pursa	1,224	1,051	1,149	912
	Sewan	964	1,203	883	1,016
	Motiharee	1,273	696	1,150	776
	Total ...	4,871	5,124	4,617	5,002
Shahabad	Arrah, 1st	1,333	1,317	1,681	1,119
	Do., 2nd	2,096	1,986	2,179	1,905
	Buxar, 1st	1,244	1,570	1,800	1,505
	Do., 2nd	...	...	395	21
	Sasseram	1,157	705	1,381	655
	Extra at Arrah	177	...	...	...
	Do. at Buxar	119	...	...	...
	Total ...	6,126	5,578	7,436	5,205

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Work done by Munsiffs—concluded.

District	Munsiffs	1877. Regular Suits.	1877. Miscellaneous Cases.	1878. Regular Suits.	1878. Miscellaneous Cases.
Tipperah ...	Commillah, 1st	2,025	1,285	3,089	1,340
	Do., 2nd	1,125	1,008		706
	Do., 3rd	642	349		451
	Kusba	1,563	1,374	1,357	1,094
	Brahmunbariah, 1st	2,169	1,787	4,117	1,523
	Do., 2nd	1,942	1,319		1,376
	Do., 3rd	601	22		
	Muradnuggur, 1st	2,104	1,263	5,134	1,459
	Do., 2nd	1,452	1,163		923
	Do., 3rd	1,355	199		546
	Toobkibograh	2,318	1,392	2,552	1,529
	Ramroygram	1,666	1,659	1,767	1,377
	Total	18,962	12,820	18,016	12,324
Tirhoot ...	Mozufferpore, 1st	2,110	1,800	1,740	2,153
	Do., 2nd			460	171
	Durbhanga	1,038	860	1,354	911
	Mudhoobanee	653	753	888	941
	Tajpore	1,148	669	2,243	787
	Hajeepore	1,107	1,167	1,216	1,088
	Seetamarhee	1,026	809	1,027	881
	Total	7,082	6,058	8,928	6,932
24-Pergunnahs ...	Alipore, 1st	1,737	1,322	1,707	1,251
	Do., 2nd	1,288	1,533	1,157	1,108
	Do., Extra	166	3	44	...
	Diamond Harbour, 1st	2,758	1,535	1,845	1,053
	Do., 2nd	1,939	1,892	1,657	1,381
	Do., Extra	607	17	540	18
	Barripore	2,1 18	1,089	1,855	1,080
	Do., Extra	140	...	...	...
	Sealdah	1,772	1,211	1,550	1,081
	Do., Extra	...	..	92	5
	Baraset, 1st	1,939	1,413	1,583	1,003
	Do., 2nd	1,788	1,335	1,436	849
	Busirhat, 1st	1,511	978	1,276	813
	Do., 2nd	1,394	914	1,314	726
	Satkhirah, 1st	1,695	1,360	1,907	1,095
	Do., 2nd	1,787	1,429	1,723	1,308
	Do., Extra	294	7	251	9
	Total	22,933	16,038	19,937	12,780
Chota Nagpore ...	Hazareebaugh	283	145	290	117
	Lohardugga	142	214	170	151
	Purulia	850	1,089	822	805
	Manbazar	684	1,684	983	1,716
	Raghoonathpore	698	1,454	816	1,130
	Khurukdiha	487	374	415	320
	Chuttra	186	114	205	127
	Ranchee	431	554	351	555
	Palamow	404	249	298	274
	Total	4,168	5,877	4,350	5,195
Cooch Behar	Julpigooree	1,432	23	3,185	342
	Darjeeling	147	96		55
	Terai	133	69		49
	Falacotta	169	02		114
	Total	1,881	1,090	3,185	560
	Grand Total	3,00,506	2,39,787	2,92,955	2,19,987

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Average duration of cases.

District.	Procedure.*	District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsiffs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
		Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Backergunge ...	...	...	...	0 4 10	0 2 13	0 4 25	0 1 23	0 0 24	0 0 23
Beerbhoom ...	O.	0 2 9	0 0 8	0 3 18	0 3 3	0 2 23	0 1 10	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 24	0 0 12	...	...
Bhaugulpore ...	...	...	...	0 3 17	0 1 29	0 1 17	0 0 21	0 0 21	0 0 19
Burdwan, East	O.	0 2 13	0 1 22	0 4 7	0 2 19	0 2 25	0 1 15	...	...
	S.		...	...	...	0 1 6	0 0 23	...	...
Burdwan, West	O.	0 3 8	0 3 21	...	...	0 2 5	0 1 4	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 2	0 0 18	...	...
Chittagong ...	O.	0 6 18	...	0 4 8	0 1 20	0 2 1	0 1 1	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 18	0 0 19	...	...
Cuttack ...	O.	...	...	...	...	0 4 0	0 1 27	0 11 22	0 1 16
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 26	0 0 21	0 0 24	0 0 21
Dacca ...	O.	0 4 16	0 6 26	0 6 2	0 3 15	0 3 15	0 1 15	0 1 4	0 0 24
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 13	0 0 25	...	...
Dinagepore ...	O.	...	...	0 3 16	0 2 14	0 1 24	0 1 10	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 20	0 0 18	0 0 21	0 0 20	...	...
Furreedpore ...	O.	0 6 8	...	1 0 6	0 3 5	0 4 4	0 1 26	0 1 9	0 0 23
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 20	0 0 14	...	...
Gya ...	O.	..	...	0 4 2	0 2 29	0 1 28	0 1 5	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 18	0 0 14	...	...
Hooghly ...	...	0 0 25	0 7 15	0 4 10	0 2 1	0 1 29	0 1 2	0 0 29	0 0 28
Jessore ...	O.	...	0 4 18	0 3 28	0 2 18	0 1 27	0 1 3	0 0 18	0 0 10
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 19	0 0 12	...	...
Midnapore ...	O.	...	..	0 8 18	...	0 4 12	0 2 8	0 10 25	0 3 0
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 3	0 0 24	0 1 10	0 0 24
Moorshedabad .	O.	0 4 10	...	0 3 15	0 2 29	0 2 15	0 1 14	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 25	0 0 24	0 0 18	0 0 12
Mymensingh ...	O.	...	...	0 6 2	0 3 1	0 2 28	0 1 9	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 25	0 0 21	...	...
Noacolly ...	O.	0 4 9	0 0 16	0 3 25	0 4 27	0 2 13	0 1 12	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 25	0 0 21	...	...
Nuddea ...	O.	...	...	2	0 3 13	0 4 18	0 2 14	0 0 24	0 0 24
	S.	...	...		...	0 0 23	0 0 12	...	...
Patna ...	O.	0 7 18	...	0 8 9	0 5 1	0 3 9	0 2 4	0 0 22	0 0 12
	S.	...	...	0 0 16	0 0 12	...	...	...	...
Purneah ...	O.	...	...	0 3 2	0 2 15	0 2 17	0 1 15	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 23	0 0 23	0 1 0	0 0 28	...	...
Rajshahye ...	O.	0 6 0	0 2 2	0 7 12	0 3 9	0 3 2	0 1 4	0 0 28	0 0 22
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 5	0 0 29	...	...
Rungpore ...	O.	0 2 9	...	0 7 29	0 1 26	0 3 26	0 1 25	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 29	0 0 14	...	...
Sarun ...	O.	..	...	0 8 7	0 3 26	0 2 7	0 1 8	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 0 28	0 0 27	...	...
Shahabad ...	...	...	...	0 4 10	0 2 1	0 2 26	0 1 20	...	..
Tipperah ...	O.	0 3 1	...	0 8 21	0 2 2	0 2 20	0 1 15	...	...
	S	...	...	...	...	0 1 12	0 1 6	...	...
Tirhoot ...	...	0 2 13	...	0 4 25	0 1 28	0 4 12	0 2 2	...	...
24-Pergunnahs .	O.	0 3 18	...	0 5 7	0 3 1	0 3 7	0 1 17	0 1 2	0 0 18
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 6	0 0 27	...	...
Ditto, Additional Judge ...	...	0 2 15	0 11 27	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore	...	0 7 15	...	0 2 26	0 1 28	0 2 9	0 1 12	...	...
Julpigooree and Darjeeling ...	...	...	...	0 8 18	0 2 7	0 2 5	0 1 25	0 1 14	0 0 24
General average	O.	0 3 22	0 3 9	0 5 9	0 2 20	0 2 29	0 1 15	0 11 5	0 2 8
	S.	...	...	0 0 20	0 0 19	0 1 1	0 0 23	0 0 26	0 0 20

* O indicates suits disposed of under the procedure generally applicable in the regular Civil Courts. S those disposed of under mall Cause Court Procedure.

R.

Total Receipts and Charges of Civil Courts, 1878.

District.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge .. .	2,54,508	1,02,763	1,51,745	.....
Beerbhoom	83,411	79,359	4,052	.....
Bhaugulpore	3,30,966	99,917	2,31,049	.....
Burdwan, East	2,14,819	1,18,009	96,810	.....
Burdwan, West	69,095	54,122	14,973	.....
Chittagong	1,73,098	1,14,261	58,837	.....
Cuttack	1,26,226	83,459	42,767	.....
Dacca	2,71,510	1,18,943	1,52,567	.....
Dinagepore	1,54,142	97,058	57,084	.....
Furreedpore	1,60,200	86,216	73,984	.....
Gya	1,58,431	72,343	86,088	.....
Hooghly	2,54,957	1,29,970	1,24,987	.....
Jessore	3,40,350	1,40,997	1,99,353	.....
Midnapore	2,22,543	98,629	1,23,914	.....
Moorshedabad	1,62,822	1,01,368	61,454	.....
Mymensingh	3,00,309	1,50,398	1,49,911	.....
Noacolly	1,30,970	75,659	55,311	.....
Nuddea	2,30,472	1,32,395	98,077	.....
Patna	1,70,648	74,674	95,974	.....
Purneah	1,11,502	71,838	39,664	.....
Rajshahye	1,81,107	1,26,590	54,517	.....
Rungpore	1,90,401	1,07,775	82,626	.....
Sarun	1,38,536	69,204	69,332	.....
Shahabad	1,65,556	84,206	81,350	.....
Tipperah	2,33,689	1,39,205	94,484	.....
Tirhoot	2,94,929	1,13,545	1,81,384	.....
24-Pergunnahs	3,56,452	1,89,323	1,67,129	.....
Chota Nagpore...	1,35,953	1,19,993	15,960	.....
Julpigooree and Darjeeling... ...	44,286	48,151	.....	3,865
Total ..	56,61,888	30,00,370	26,65,383	3,865

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Detail of the Receipts and Charges of the several classes of Civil Courts.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS. In Court-fee Stamps. Process fees.	RECEIPTS. In Court-fee Stamps. Other fees.	RECEIPTS. In Cash. Fines.	RECEIPTS. In Cash. Other receipts credited to Government.	RECEIPTS. Total.	CHARGES. Share of officers' salary debitable to civil justice.	CHARGES. Establishments. Process servers.	CHARGES. Establishments. Other.	CHARGES. Contingencies and refunds.	CHARGES. Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Backergunge ...	59,689	1,86,882	144	7,793	2,54,508	43,577	25,360	27,242	6,584	1,02,763
Beerbhoom ...	27,051	52,520	404	3,436	83,411	43,087	17,851	16,740	1,681	79,359
Bhaugulpore ...	61,572	2,54,354	416	14,624	3,30,966	46,428	21,945	26,058	5,486	99,917
Burdwan, East ...	60,521	1,47,318	83	6,897	2,14,819	66,820	22,630	23,454	5,105	1,18,009
Burdwan, West ...	21,356	44,597	51	3,091	69,095	28,521	11,737	12,564	1,300	54,122
Chittagong ...	53,110	1,10,852	508	8,628	1,73,098	52,520	27,005	28,193	6,543	1,14,261
Cuttack ...	23,965	96,815	85	5,361	1,26,226	42,672	13,805	24,410	2,572	83,459
Dacca ...	75,900	1,87,302	228	8,080	2,71,510	59,471	23,686	27,710	8,076	1,18,943
Dinagepore ...	45,371	1,01,301	163	7,307	1,54,142	50,291	18,521	23,028	5,218	97,058
Furreedpore...	50,174	1,03,336	243	6,447	1,60,200	40,512	19,048	21,112	5,544	86,216
Gya ...	22,064	1,31,150	337	4,880	1,58,431	37,715	12,524	18,390	3,714	72,343
Hooghly ...	60,129	1,88,001	303	6,524	2,54,957	73,870	20,874	30,493	4,733	1,29,970
Jessore ...	1,05,621	2,26,503	103	8,123	3,40,350	64,118	33,337	37,827	5,715	1,40,997
Midnapore ...	55,172	1,51,199	411	15,761	2,22,543	46,917	23,975	23,409	4,328	98,629
Moorshedabad ...	42,961	1,14,849	747	4,265	1,62,822	51,598	19,767	26,145	3,858	1,01,368
Mymensingh ...	95,741	1,92,016	337	12,215	3,00,309	71,749	37,199	31,137	10,313	1,50,398
Noacolly ...	42,078	84,642	373	3,877	1,30,970	36,913	15,505	17,916	5,325	75,659
Nuddea ...	73,520	1,47,983	123	8,846	2,30,472	68,698	22,423	36,446	4,828	1,32,395
Patna ...	28,082	1,37,545	306	4,715	1,70,648	38,265	15,106	19,423	1,880	74,674
Purneah ...	25,133	83,780	296	2,293	1,11,502	40,395	12,290	17,295	1,858	71,838
Rajshahye ...	44 018	1,21,672	169	15,248	1,81,107	72,971	16,157	30,784	6,678	1,26,590
Rungpore ...	61,362	1,23,130	138	5,771	1,90,401	54,749	22,856	25,000	5,170	1,07,775
Sarun ...	26,196	1,06,891	334	5,115	1,38,536	31,352	15,340	19,417	3,095	69,204
Shahabad ...	36,044	1,23,768	679	5,065	1,65,556	48,442	14,511	18,445	2,808	84,206
Tipperah ...	70,513	1,52,881	152	10,143	2,33,689	71,621	30,158	31,433	5,993	1,39,205
Tirhoot ...	52,463	2,33,336	2,046	7,084	2,94,929	63,787	20,537	26,980	2,241	1,13,545
24-Pergunnahs ...	90,231	2,51,500	400	14,321	3,56,452	1,04,892	30,002	46,769	7,660	1,89,323
Chota Nagpore ...	30,779	1,02,162	225	2,787	1,35,953	65,020	17,358	34,779	2,836	1,19,993
Julpigoree and Darjeeling ...	9,708	34,047	54	477	44,286	38,293	3,176	5,647	1,035	48,151
Total: Small Cause Courts ...	1,33,649	2,98,458	134	2,731	4,35,032	1,15,661	35,894	60,185	10,803	2,22,543
Total: Moonsifs ...	10,93,741	23,40.308	6,611	1,07,972	35,48,632	6,87,789	3,90,198	2,77,158	53,683	14,08,828
Total: Subordinate Judges ...	1,42,423	8.84,668	1,900	28,374	10,57,365	2,72,200	67,331	90,468	8,163	4,38,162
Total: Judges and Additional Judges ...	80,711	4,68,898	1,213	70,037	6,20,859	4,79,614	91,260	3,00,435	59,528	9,30,837
Grand Total ...	**14,50,524**	**39,92,332**	**9,858**	**2,09,174**	**56,61,888**	**15,55,264**	**5,84,683**	**7,28,246**	**1,32,177**	**30,00,370**

T.

Statement showing the number of Probates, Letters of Administration, and Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860, granted in Bengal during the year 1878, and the amount of duty realized thereon.

Scale of Values.	Court.	Number of Probates or Letters of Administration with Will annexed	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Letters of Administration (as in the case of intestacy).	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860.	Amount of Court-fees paid.
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Not exceeding 1,000	High Court	3	...	2	...	...	...
	District Court	196	...	53	75	1,362	...
Above 1,000 up to 5,000	High Court	37	2,062	65	3,207	...	...
	District Court	115	5,924	9	287	267	11,718
Above 5,000 up to 10,000	High Court	23	3,359	20	2,944	...	...
	District Court	29	4,256	3	290	49	7,549
Above 10,000 up to 50,000	High Court	53	24,867	28	12,315	...	...
	District Court	35	16,730	3	1,182	35	17,446
Above 50,000 up to 1,00,000	High Court	14	20,652	10	11,963	...	...
	District Court	5	7,052	1	465	4	4,850
Above 1,00,000	High Court	20	1,05,429	7	36,982	...	...
	District Court	3	11,860	...	...	1	4,940
Total ...	High Court	150	1,56,369	132	67,411	...	...
	District Court	383	45,822	69	2,299	1,718	46,503
Total ... Dutiable ...	All Courts ...	334	2,02,191	146	69,635	356	46,503
Total ... Not Dutiable ...	All Courts ...	199	...	55	75	1,362	...
	Grand Total ...	533	2,02,191	201	69,710	1,718	46,503

U.

Receipts and Disbursements on account of Ameens, 1878-79.

District.	Permanent Ameens.		Temporary Ameens.		Fees paid for the employment of Moonsiffs as Commissioners.	Number of Permanent Ameens with Grades.	
	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Receipts.	Disbursements.		1st Grade.	2nd Grade.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Backergunge	2,283	1,632	...	...	...	1	2
Beerbhoom	201	600	...	...	20	...	1
Bhagulpore	1,545	1,440	...	...	10	...	2
Burdwan, East	580	627	...	...	...	...	1
Burdwan, West	535	546	...	...	10	...	1
Chittagong	1,590	1,406	...	...	...	1	1
Cuttack	1,879	1,855	...	...	40	1	1
Dacca	2,943	1,632	24	...	55	1	1
Dinagepore	1,341	1,144	18	120	30	..	2
Furreedpore	1,033	840	201	150	40	1	...
Gya	619	600	...	..	...	...	1
Hooghly	867	600	...	...	10	...	1
Jessore	2,687	2,090	...	...	...	1	2
Midnapore	1,420	960	...	...	10	...	2
Moorshedabad	627	670	...	...	...	1	1
Mymensingh	3,321	1,992	...	...	60	1	2
Noacolly	776	1,048	...	...	...	...	2
Nuddea	450	600	...	...	90	...	1
Patna	887	600	...	...	18	...	1
Purneah	588	600	...	...	...	...	1
Rajshahye	2,651	2,315	882	1,012	53	1	3
Rungpore	1,661	2,183	...	...	60	1	2
Sarun	869	791	...	...	...	1	...
Shahabad	1,424	1,218	...	...	...	...	2
Tipperah	1,635	2,227	...	...	...	1	3
Tirhoot	3,177	2,666	...	...	10	...	4
24-Pergunnahs	1,467	840	24	343	...	1	...
Chota Nagpore	2,529	2,400	226	226	...	...	5
Add 10 per cent. on account of pensions ...	...	3,612	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	41,585	39,784	1,375	1,851	516	13	45

V.

STATISTICS OF LOCAL ENQUIRIES, 1878.

BENGAL.

Scale of Values.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of Local enquiry only.	Average cost of Local enquiry.	Average time occupied in enquiry.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Days.
Cases not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	96	390	4	1,268	13	3
Ditto „ 20 ...	342	4,376	13	4,246	12	3
Ditto „ 50 ...	441	15,441	35	6,302	14	3
Ditto „ 100 ...	348	25,306	73	5,356	15	4
Ditto „ 500 ...	642	1,46,234	228	11,460	18	4
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	90	65,921	732	4,173	46	10
Cases exceeding „ 1,000 ...	207	16,26,616	7,858	21,169	102	23

W.

PROCEEDINGS IN INSOLVENCY UNDER CHAPTER XX, ACT X OF 1877.

Part I.—Showing the Number and result of Applications under Section 344.

District.	Number of Applications to be declared an insolvent dealt with during the year.				Number of Applications granted under Section 351.		Number of Applications refused.			Number of Applications withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Disposed of by transfer.	Number of Applications pending at the end of year.
	Pending from previous year.	Filed during this year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	In which a Receiver was appointed.	In which insolvent was discharged without appointment of a Receiver under Section 351.	In which penal proceedings under Section 359 were not taken.	In which the Court passed sentence of imprisonment under Section 359.	In which applicant was sent to the Magistrate under Section 359.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Backergunge	...	10	...	10	...	2	3	...	...	3	...	2
Beerbhoom	1	4	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	...
Bhaugulpore	...	5	...	5	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, East	...	10	...	10	1	3	5	1	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, West	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
Chittagong	...	13	...	13	...	...	9	...	...	2	...	2
Cuttack	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
Dacca	1	26	...	27	2	16	2	..	...	6	...	1
Dinagepore	...	5	...	5	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...
Furreedpore	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Gya	...	11	...	11	6	1	2	...	...	2	...	...
Hooghly	...	14	...	14	...	1	5	...	...	7	...	1
Jessore	1	3	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...
Midnapore	...	7	...	7	...	1	2	...	...	4	...	...
Moorshedabad	2	4	...	6	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	1
Mymensingh	...	4	...	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noacolly	...	8	...	8	...	3	5	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	6	...	6	...	2	2	...	...	2	...	...
Patna	1	4	...	5	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	2
Purneah	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Rajshahye	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...
Rungpore	...	8	...	8	...	1	4	...	...	3	...	...
Sarun	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...
Shahabad	...	5	...	5	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	...
Tipperah	2	14	...	16	...	5	4	...	...	7	...	...
Tirhoot	...	6	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	3
24-Pergunnahs	3	34	...	37	...	10	8	...	...	9	...	10
Chota Nagpore	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3
Total ...	11	224	...	235	9	63	59	5	...	69	...	30

W 1.

PROCEEDINGS IN INSOLVENCY UNDER CHAPTER XX, ACT X OF 1877.

Part II.—Showing the number of estates in the hands of Receivers and the progress made in winding up.

District.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of Receivers.				Amount of creditors' claim dealt with during the year.					Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.			
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a Receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realized assets in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realised during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Backergunge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan, East	...	1	...	...	...	...†	...	...†	...	...	7	3	4
Burdwan, West	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	...	2	2	...	...	10,029	...	...	10,029	..	107	...	107
Dinagepore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Gya	...	6	6	...	...	...†	...	...†		...	46	30	16*
Hooghly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noacolly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...
Rajshahye	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhoot	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	9	8	...	...	10,029	...	...	10,029	...	160	33	127

* In deposit in the Treasury.
† Omitted in district returns.

X.

Business disposed of in the High Court in 1878.

LOWER PROVINCES AND ASSAM.

APPELLATE SIDE.

Nature of Suits.	Remaining in 1877.	Filed in 1878.	Disposed of in 1878.	Remaining at close of 1878.	Days of Sittings with Number of Judges. Days.	Barrister Judges.	Civilian Judges.	Other Judges.
I. First appeals	547	302	431	418				
I. References to the Full Bench ...	...	1	...	1				
I. Appeals to the Court at large under Section 15 of the Letters Patent ..	1	1	1	1				
I. Reviews	...	2	2	...	5	4	6	1
					6	4	5	1
II. Second appeals	2,301	2,621	2,951	1,971	1			
						4	4	1
II. References to the Full Bench ..	...	4	3	1	37			
					9	3	6	1
						3	5	1
II. Appeals to the Court at large under Section 15 of the Letters Patent ...	64	97	151	10	1			
					5	3	5	...
II. Reviews	2	7	6	3	21	3	4	1
						3	3	1
III. Miscellaneous — First appeals ...	147	198	220	125	21	2	6	1
III. Miscellaneous — Second „ ...	49	139	132	56	40	2	5	1
III. References to the Full Bench ...	...	8	8	...	8	2	4	1
					1	2	3	1
III. Appeals to the Court at large under Section 15 of the Letters Patent ...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...
					6	1	6	1
III. Reviews	...	2	2	...	1	1	6	...
					4	1	5	1
					4	1	5	...
IV. References under Mofussil Small Cause Court Act	3	19	21	1	287			
					17	1	4	1
					1	1	4	...
					3	1	3	1
					3	1	3	...
V. Divorce cases	3	1	4	...	1	1	2	1
VI. Appeals — From British Burmah ...	2	1	1	2	4	1	2	...
					2	1	1	1
					13	1	1	...
VI. References — From British Burmah ...	...	...	...	...	14	1	...	1
					2	...	6	1
					4	...	5	1
VII. Criminal Cases — Appeals	45	688	699	34	2	...	4	1
VII. Criminal Cases — References† under Section 263	4	25	27	2	2	...	3	1
VII. Criminal Cases — References† under „ 287	9	58	61	6	2	...	2	1
VII. Criminal Cases — Revisions	23	475	479	19	1	...	2	...
VII. Criminal Cases — Full Bench references ...	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	...
VIII. Miscellaneous orders in Court ..	191	1,887	1,812	266	4	...	1	...
IX. Miscellaneous orders out of Court ...	...	547*	547	...				
Total ...	3,385	7,081	7,565	2,918				

* These figures indicate the number of orders passed out of Court on review of periodical returns (Civil and Criminal) and Session statements, but do not include the orders passed on Letters and References in the Administrative Department, which are extremely numerous and important, occupying much of the time of one of the Judges, and some of them being further considered by a Committee. It must not be forgotten that from this calculation the work done in the Original Side is excluded.

† There were also 5 references by the Presidency Magistrates and 1 by the Special Court, British Burma, received and disposed of during the year.

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Appeals, &c., instituted in the High Court in the year 1878.

(Showing Divisions and Districts.)

		Instituted in 1878.							
		First Appeals.		Second Appeals.		Miscellaneous Appeals.	Criminal Cases.		
		Rs 10,000 and upwards.	Below Rs. 10,000	Exceeding Rs. 50 in value.	Not exceeding Rs 50 in value.		Appeals.	References.	Revisions.
Central Division—									
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs	7	5	82	33	17	21	6	19
	Nuddea	1	12	24	32	13	22	6	10
	Jessore	...	3	50	36	3	33	1	27
	Moorshedabad	2	8	21	23	15	8	2	6
	Calcutta	...	...	...	...	...	9	5	...
	Total ..	10	28	177	124	48	93	20	62
Burdwan ...	Burdwan East	1	6	85	36	9	7	5	14
	Burdwan West	...	4	13	8	2	4	1	3
	Beerbhoom .. .	...	7	30	13	2	4	1	2
	Midnapore	2	1	72	39	9	42	4	11
	Hooghly	1	5	43	37	11	14	5	29
	Total ...	4	23	243	133	33	71	16	59
British Burmah, (Recorders').	Rangoon	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	1
	Moulmein	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
	Total ..	...	...	...	...	.	..	1	1
Western Division—									
Patna ...	Patna	3	9	94	140	21	13	7	28
	Gya ...	4	13	120	33	24	23	2	25
	Shahabad	7	25	126	93	14	10	...	12
	Sarun	2	8	19	30	10	49	2	14
	Tirhoot	9	15	75	43	10	31	1	30
	Total ...	25	70	434	339	79	126	12	109
Bhaugulpore ...	Bhaugulpore	7	45	120	166	28	18	2	17
	Purneah	2	2	24	5	1	16	3	7
	Total ...	9	47	144	171	29	34	5	24
Chota Nagpore .	Chota Nagpore	3	5	54	10	7	35	4	21
Cuttack .	Cuttack	1	3	11	8	4	13	...	5
	Total ...	4	8	65	18	11	48	4	26
Eastern Division—									
Dacca	Dacca	2	9	72	50	20	25	6	21
	Furreedpore	1	3	30	29	8	23	...	20
	Backergunge . ..	1	3	15	11	8	64	2	28
	Mymensingh	3	9	40	22	19	22	...	17
	Tipperah	3	6	49	40	10	16	1	5
	Noacolly	1	...	27	23	10	22	1	7
	Total ...	11	30	233	175	75	172	10	98
Rajshahye ..	Dinagepore	...	...	20	4	7	26	3	10
	Rajshahye	6	8	80	39	33	22	5	26
	Rungpore	2	7	25	14	6	34	3	22
	Cooch Behar	...	...	3	...	...	2	...	2
	Total ...	8	15	128	57	46	84	11	60
Chittagong ...	Chittagong	...	4	36	20	9	18	2	7
Grand Total for Lower Provinces ...		71	231	1,460	1,037	330	647	81	445
Assam ...	Assam Valley Districts ...	...	1	31	11	1	11	2	12
	Sylhet	...	5	46	30	6	25	5	13
	Cachar	...	...	42	4	...	5	1	5
Grand Total for Assam ...		...	6	79	45	7	41	8	30

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Result of Appeals, Revisions, &c., in the High Court during the year 1878.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
LOWER PROVINCES ONLY.							
Regular Appeals ...	District Judge ...	39	30	10	9	15	103
	Subordinate Judge ...	127	58	41	16	81	323
Special Appeals ...	District Judge ...	1,068	90	34	182	42	1,416
	Subordinate Judge ...	1,094	92	39	158	74	1,457
Miscellaneous Appeals .	District Judge ...	134	34	11	9	12	200
	Subordinate Judge ...	94	22	7	9	9	141
Criminal Appeals ...	Courts of Session ...	533	46	55	3	1	638
	Deputy Commissioners* ...	5	1	...	...	...	6
	Presidency Magistrates ...	8	1	...	...	...	9
References† under ...	Section 263	15	9	1	...	...	25
	„ 287	39	6	9	...	...	54
Revisions	Court of Sessions ...	9	5	3	1	13	31
	Magistrate of District ...	31	17	2	2	...	52
	Other Magistrates ...	211	107	9	30	7	364
ASSAM.							
Regular Appeals ...	District Judge ...	3	...	...	...	...	3
	Subordinate Judge ...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Special Appeals	District Judge ...	24	16	2	6	...	48
	Subordinate Judge ...	12	6	2	10	...	30
Miscellaneous Appeals .	District Judge ...	5	1	...	...	...	6
	Subordinate Judge ...	3	...	...	1	1	5
Criminal Appeals ...	Courts of Session ...	28	3	6	...	...	37
	Deputy Commissioners* ...	6	2	...	...	1	9
References under ...	Section 263	...	2	...	...	...	2
	„ 287	3	...	4	...	...	7
Revisions	Court of Sessions ...	...	2	...	...	2	4
	Magistrate of District ...	2	...	...	...	...	2
	Other Magistrates ...	8	7	2	...	...	17

* Exercising powers under Section 36 C. P. C.

† In addition 5 references by Presidency Magistrates and 1 by the Special Court British Burma were disposed of during the year.

Annual Statement—1—(Civil).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and officers exercising jurisdiction in civil cases on the last day of the year, the work done and the Receipts and Charges of the Courts during the year 1878.

DISTRICTS.	Area	Population.	Number of District Judgeships.	Number of Munsiffs.	Total number of Civil Judicial officers.							Number of original civil cases decided.					Number of civil appeals.			Total receipts of Civil Courts.	Total charges of Civil Courts.
					Judges of the High Court.	District Judges.	Small Cause Court Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsiffs.	By High Court.	By District Judges.	By Small Cause Court Judges including cases disposed of by Subordinate Judges who are also Small Cause Court Judges.	By Subordinate Judges including cases disposed of by Small Cause Court Judges with powers of Subordinate Judge.	By Munsiffs.	By High Court.	By District Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.		
							Small Cause Court Judges only.	Small Cause Court Judges with powers of a Subordinate Judge.	Subordinate Judges only.	Subordinate Judges with the powers of a Small Cause Court Judge.											
Backergunge ...	3,646	1,887,586	1	4	...	1	...	...	1	1	8	...	...	2,003	210	14,445	...	181	271	254,508	102,763
Beerbhoom ...	1,344	695,921	1	4	...	1	...	...	1	...	4	...	12	...	64	4,313	...	184	293	83,411	79,359
Bhaugulpore ...	8,188	3,640,022	1	6	...	1	...	1	1	...	6	...	...	4,114	330	8,962	...	143	795	330,966	99,917
Burdwan, East ...	3,523	2,034,745	1	6	...	1	...	...	2	...	10	...	15	...	141	13,197	...	434	388	214,819	118,009
„ West ...	1,422	526,772	1	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	16	...	...	3,730	...	121	...	69,095	54,122
Chittagong ...	2,322	1,127,402	1		...	2	...	...	2	...	11	...	7	...	42	12,181	...	298	500	173,098	114,261
Cuttack ...	8,056	3,034,690	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	3,645	96	5,374	...	306	1	126,226	83,459
Dacca ...	2,899	1,870,256	1	4	...	1	1	...	1	...	9	...	14	5,894	174	13,634	...	565	217	271,510	118,943
Dinagepore ...	5,939	2,178,350	1	9	...	1	...	...	...	1	10	...	1	...	970	10,282	...	209	65	154,142	97,058
Furreedpore ...	2,249	1,502,436	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	8	...	11	1,554	77	12,403	...	348	175	160,200	86,216
Gya ...	4,711	1,947,824	1	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	238	2,244	...	160	453	158,431	72,343
Hoogbly ...	1,467	1,488,556	1	5	...	1	...	1	1	...	8	...	10	4,132	171	10,682	...	275	590	254,957	129,970
Jessore ...	3,658	2,075,021	1	6	...	1	1	1	1	...	10	...	2	12,107	80	17,469	...	84	1,005	340,350	140,997
Midnapore ...	5,082	2,545,179	1	6	...	1	...	1	...	...	9	...	...	1,168	119	13,533	...	263	629	222,543	98,629
Moorshedabad ...	2,573	1,349,660	1	4	...	1	...	...	...	1	7	...	2	198	139	10,870	...	220	90	162,822	101,368
Mymensingh ...	6,299	2,349,917	1	10	...	1	...	...	2	...	13	...	...	...	122	18,352	...	63	979	300,309	150,398

Annual Statement—5—(Civil).

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1878.

Class of Court.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, Section 551.	Dismissed for default, Sections 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Total of cols. 10 to 19, i.e., disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than four months.	Average number of days pending.	Objections under Section 561, Act X of 1877.	Remarks.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviews under Section 626, Act X of 1877.	Remands under Section 562.	Revivals under Sections 565, 580.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.						
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																								
A.—Civil Courts.																								
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	3,248	116	12,248	82	134	118	15,946	1,481	14	435	208	42	158	9	6,409	1,137	2,112	425	10,949	3,516	2,267	197	236	
Chief Appellate Courts of District ...	7,314	18,487	1,124	27	157	68	27,177	11,899	119	480	188	26	74	27	5,083	586	1,626	304	8,513	6,765	2,760	183	295	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Classified Total. Appeals from decrees in suits for money or movables...	988	3,290*	2,070	15	5	23	6,391	2,082	47	124	66	5	58	8	1,998	219	735	91	3,351	958	327	112	21	
Classified Total. Appeals in suits under the rent law	4,345	8,420	5,286	53	99	85	18,288	5,287	49	457	250	52	127	25	4,989	1,000	1,468	354	8,771	4,230	1,441	165	255	
Classified Total. Appeals in title and other suits	5,229	6,893	5,341	41	187	78	17,769	5,336	37	334	80	11	47	3	4,505	504	1,535	284	7,340	5,093	2,906	245	273	
Total ...	10,562	18,603	12,697	109	291	186	42,448	12,705	133	915	396	68	232	36	11,492	1,723	3,738	729	19,462	10,281	4,674	186	549	
B.—Revenue Courts.																								
Collectors' Appellate Courts	88	682	41	2	...	...	813	41	...	39	7	...	1	...	461	22	93	50	673	99	25	55	...	
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	10,650	19,285	12,738	111	291	186	43,261	12,746	133	954	403	68	233	36	11,953	1,745	3,831	779	20,135	10,380	4,699	184	549	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																								
Chief Court of Province. From decrees of the Courts in the interior ...	541	296	...	...	...	...	837	...	...	96	...	...	...	...	166	51	88	25	426	411	328	478	52	
Chief Court of Province. From decrees on the original side	22	29	...	...	...	...	51	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	20	3	5	2	36	15	...	...	...	
Total ...	563	325	...	..	...	...	888	...	...	101	...	...	1	...	186	54	93	27	462	426	328	478	52	
APPEALS FROM APPELLATE DECREES.																								
Chief Court of Province. From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior ...	2,252	2,497	...	...	...	...	4,749	...	...	116	...	...	...	...	2,162	73	182	340	2,873	1,876	905	277	75	
Chief Court of Province. From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on appeal in the Chief Court ...	65	98	...	...	...	...	163	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	131	1	12	5	152	11	1	88	...	
Total ...	2,317	2,595	...	...	...	...	4,912	..	...	119	...	...	...	...	2,293	74	194	345	3,025	1,887	906	268	75	
Grand Total for Courts at the Presidency	2,880	2,920	...	...	...	...	5,800	...	...	220	...	...	...	...	2,479	128	287	372	3,487	2,313	1,234	...	127	

* Fourteen Appeals in the district of Julpigoree have been wrongly entered in the local returns.

Annual Statement—6—(Civil).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Province of Bengal in the year 1878.

Class of Courts.	Number of Applications dealt with.					Applications disposed of.						Details of entries in Col. 9.						Amount realized.		Number of Applications.										
	Pending at the end of 1877.	Filed. The decree being those of the Court where execution is taken out.	Filed. The decree being those of other Courts transferred for execution.	Restored to the file for any cause.	Total.	Transferred. To another Court under Section 223.	Transferred. To the Collector under Section 320.	Wholly or partly satisfied	Wholly infructuous.	Total.	Pending at the end of 1878.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court.	Adjusted under Section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process.	Satisfaction obtained without the issue of process.	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	On which the Judgment-debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested under Section 336, but released without the imprisonment.	On which his movable property. Was sold.	On which his movable property. Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	On which his immovable property. Was sold.	On which his immovable property. Was dealt with under Sections 305, 322 or 326.	On which his immovable property. Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which possession was given. Of movables, Section 259.	On which possession was given. Of immovables, Sections 263 and 264.	On which partition was effected, Section 265.	On which execution was effected otherwise than in the proceeding columns.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																															
I.—Civil Courts.																															
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	50,648	190,232	16,939	...	257,819	15,734	...	114,696	72,786	203,215	54,604	67,373	47,322	82,745	31,950	121,386	21,123	51,99,144	7,32,610	1,396	4,103	6,099	7,933	30,555	1,662	27,451	813	243	6,971	135	10,820
Small Cause Courts ...	2,217	32,585	14	...	34,816	1,361	...	11,913	18,378	31,652	3,164	5,497	6,416	8,337	3,576	14,754	3,389	3,07,960	1,30,900	526	652	2,642	1,699	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts .	3,030	8,696	272	...	12,000	405	3	5,434	2,898	8,740	3,260	2,891	2,543	6,186	1,248	5,396	599	69,91,529	5,72,093	55	32	200	111	1,530	113	1,388	...	16	313	7	2
Chief Courts of Districts ...	525	498	746	...	1,769	446	...	553	385	1,384	385	349	204	441	112	544	86	13,40,950	1,24,750	7	11	16	10	163	4	98	...	6	39	1	26
Total ...	56,420	232,013	17,971	...	306,404	17,996	3	132,595	94,457	244,991	61,413	76,110	56,485	95,709	36,886	142,080	25,177	1,38,29,583	15,60,353	1,984	4,798	8,957	9,753	32,248	1,779	28,937	815	265	7,323	143	10,850
II.—Revenue Courts.																															
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts ...	718	3,349	4	...	4,071	...	25	1,507	1,659	3,191	880	1,089	418	2,343	164	1,516	53	49,210	2,019	13	50	140	547	173	...	134	1	1	194	...	165
District Courts—Collectors .	196	1,018	45	...	1,259	2	...	821	146	969	290	689	132	799	22	331	...	21,903	...	1	1	142	47	8	...	20	...	...	12	...	95
Total ...	914	4,367	49	...	5,330	2	25	2,328	1,805	4,160	1,170	1,778	550	2,142	186	1,847	53	71,113	2,019	14	51	282	594	181	...	154	1	1	206	...	260
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior ...	57,334	236,380	18,020	...	311,734	17,938	28	134,923	96,262	249,151	62,583	77,888	57,035	97,851	37,072	143,927	25,230	1,39,00,696	15,62,372	1,998	4,849	9,239	10,347	32,429	1,779	29,091	816	266	7,529	143	11,110
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																															
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction ...	...	173	25	...	198	58	...	43	68	169	64	28	15	26	17	...	...	...	...	22	10	6	16	11	...	14	...	...	1	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	174	25	...	199	58	...	43	68	169	65	28	15	26	17	...	...	...	...	22	10	6	16	11	...	14	...	...	1	...	...

Annual Statement—7—(Civil).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Civil Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1878.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Jury or Assessor in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			REMARKS.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Sec. 263, C.P.C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Sec. 263, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessor.	
Chief Court of District or officers specially empowered acting under Act X of 1870. } Assessors ...	Two "qualified assessors" one of whom is appointed by the Collector, and the other by the party interested.	...	118	...	...	...	...	...	80	20	5	
Total ...	2	...	118	...	...	...	...	...	80*	20*	5*	

* Assessors' opinion was not taken in 13 cases